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Tribute to 'debt we owe to Prince Philip'

# Monarchy must listen and adapt says the Queen

THE QUEEN yesterday celebrated her golden wedding anniversary with a thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey, a ball in Windsor Castle and an assurance that the monarchy was in touch with its Government and its people.

With her husband listening appreciatively, the Queen told Tony Blair and 350 guests at a celebratory "people's banquet" in Whitehall that the Royal Family must heed public opinion if it was to adapt to the future, and she would endeavour to

interpret public opinion correctly.

In a day of celebration and of the warmest of tributes from Mr Blair, the Queen's speech was the clearest public acknowledgement she has yet made that, after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the monarchy must adapt to survive.

The Queen said: "It often falls to the Prime Minister, and the government of the day, to be the bearer of the messages sent from people to Sovereign. Prime Minister, I know that you, like your predecessors, will always pass such messages, as you read them, without fear or favour." But in a day that was far more a personal than a state occasion, the

Oueen's most heartfelt remark was reserved for her husband of 50 years. The Duke of Edinburgh was not someone who took easily to compliments, she said, but he had been her strength and stay all these years. "I, and his whole family, in this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim or we shall ever know."

The Oueen's tribute echoed that of the Duke the day before, when he told a City of London banquet that his wife's greatest asset was her tolerance. For their anniversary celebrations, the couple were joined by almost the entire Royal Family and by more than 50 members of other royal families, both regnant



6 Guess who came to lunch 🤊

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and deposed, most of whom are related, however distantly, through Queen Victoria. Last night the royal guests travelled to Windsor Castle

For the first time in two days of anniversary celebrations, it was an opportunity to relax among family and friends. Before the ball, the royal couple gave a dinner party in the castle for 60 of their closest family and friends. Other guests were arriving at 10.30pm ready to dance the night away in the newly restored St George's Hall, rebuilt from the ashes of the 1992 fire.

At yesterday morning's Abbey service, Dr. George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, blessed the royal couple as they knelt before him. In his address, he said their marriage had been an example to all. The Queen, with her husband's

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sacrifice and tolerance. After the service, the couple went on a walkabout outside the Abbey among a crowd lining the pavements six deep. Other guests were conducted by the Prince of Wales on a launch to the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, for lunch.

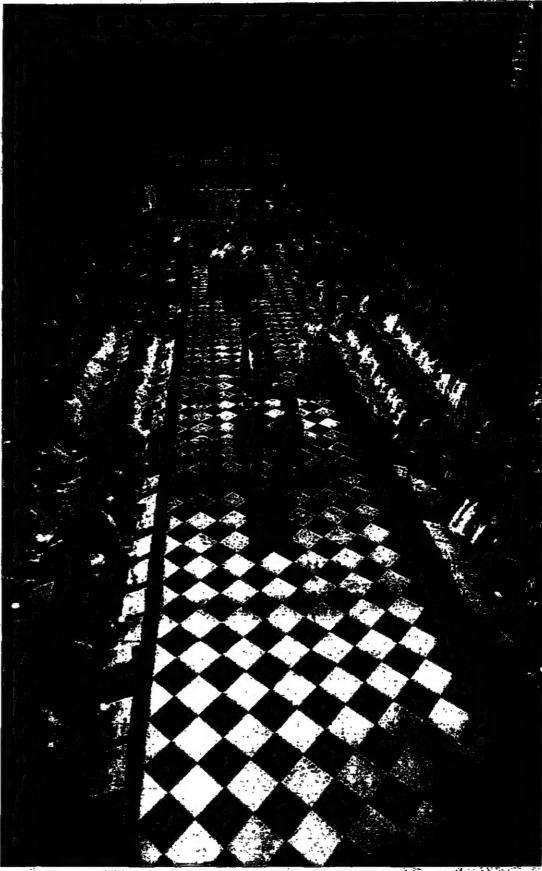
After a call for pre-lunch drinks with Tony and Cherie Blair at 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister and his wife joined the Queen and the Duke for another walkabout up Whitehall to the Banqueting House for a lunch, the Government's official anniversary gift. At the Queen's request, many of the 350. guests were drawn from the ranks of

ordinary people.

Mr Blair, in proposing a toast to the couple, offered the warmest praise to the Queen. "She is an extraordinarily shrewd and perceptive observer of the world; hers is advice worth having," he said.

Referring to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, Mr Blair said he knew how deeply it had touched the Queen. I know too, contrary to some of the hurtful things that were said at the time, how moved you were by the outpouring of grief and sanctity of your own home, you sought as a family to help the boys."

In a significant reply, the Queen said that hereditary monarchy, like government, existed only with the support and consent of the people. For us, a Royal Family, however, the message is often harder to read. obscured as it can be by deference, rhetoric or the conflicting currents of public opinion. But read it we must. have done my best, with Prince Philip's constant love and help, to interpret it correctly through the years of our marriage and of my reign as your Queen. And we shall, as a family, together try to do so in



The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at the thanksgiving in Westminster Abbey yesterday

# **Employee** season tickets may get tax relief

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY ANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

FIRMS paying for train and bus travel for staff could receive tax exemption under government plans to curb the company car culture.

Gordon Brown's pre-Budget speech next week will herald a shake-up of taxes on employee travel to encourage greater use of public transport and reduce the leisure use of

company cars.
Whitehall officials are preparing plans to remove tax liability from annual train and bus tickets, worth up to £5,000, provided free by em-ployers. Inland Revenue rules classify free season tickets as a taxable benefit, although free car parking is not liable to tax.

A change would coincide with rules being prepared to limit private mileage in company

Some 260,000 train passengers a year buy annual rail season tickets at a total cost of more than £260 million. Few companies give season tickets to staff, partly because of the tax deterrent.

BAA, the airports operator. is the latest major employer to fall foul of an Inland Revenue and that forces staff or the company to pay tax on free

announced that it will give annual season tickets to 2,000 Heathrow staff travelling from nearby Slough. However, the offer will incur tax of up to £30 per employee, while free car parking at the airport, worth an estimated £300 a year, is free of tax. The company will pay the tax for

its own employees.
Three million cars, or one in ten of all cars, are owned by companies or the self-employed, making Britain one of biggest providers of employerowned cars. More than balf of new cars are company-owned.

### Doctor may face manslaughter case

A doctor is facing a man-slaughter charge after a coroner halted an inquest and referred papers about the death of a newborn baby to the Crown Prosecution Service. Helmi Nour delivered the baby with forceps using "grossly excessive" force, a proner was told ...... Page 8

# Safe haven

An American computer expert has come to Colchester, Essex, after searching the Internet for a safe place to settle with his family. He made his choice when he saw closedcircuit TV pictures ..... Page 7

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# **Blair thanks Barclays** for doing his paperwork

By NICHOLAS WATT POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR is benefitting from Labour's improved links with business after securing the backing of Barclays Bank for his constituency office in

Sedgefield.
The bank agreed to send a computer expert to help run Mr Blair's office in the village of Trimdon after constituency workers were inundated with letters after the election.

The support from Barclays was disclosed by the Prime Minister in the first Register of Members' Interests since the election which was published yesterday. In his only entry, ship or financial or material support". Mr Blair wrote: condinent of assistant to my Sedgefield constituency office by Barclays Bank, Newcastle, for one year from 6

October 1997." Mr Blair paid warm tribute to Barbara Dow, 28, from Washington, Tyne and Wear, who is helping to set up a new computer system. Mr Blair said: "Barbara is making a huge difference and we are very glad to have her with us."
John Burton, the Prime Minister's agent, said he was delighted. He added: "We are extremely grateful to Barclays Bank for helping us in this

way. The amount of extra work since Mr Blair became

astronomical." Labour sources said that Mr Blair's Sedgefield office has been overwhelmed by hundreds of letters. Foreign journalists are constantly on the phone requesting interviews and people in the North East, who live outside the constituency, write in the hope that Mr. Blair will be able to help them. Mr. Blairleaves his constitu-

ency surgery to Mr Burton, a loyal aide who first spotted the young Blair before the 1983 election.

# Iraq agrees to allow return of inspectors

FROM HASSAN HAFIDE IN BAGEDAD

IRAQ yesterday approved an accord, worked out with Russia, to allow United Nations arms inspectors, including Americans, to return to the country and resume their work. Baghdad's approval apparently defuses three-weeks of potentially explosive con-frontation involving Britain and America.

As America went ahead with its military build-up in the Gulf yesterday, Baghdad radio broadcast a statement issued after a meeting chaired by President: Saddam Hussein. Traq has accepted the return of UN Special Commission inspectors, including the Americans, the radio said.

The statement 'added that Iraqi and Russian leaders, including President Yeltsin, had exchanged views which resulted in "an agreement to defuse the crisis. We are happy about it. It said the deal gave tray hope that UN sanctions imposed after its invaded Ruwait in August 1990 would be lifted.

in Washington, President "resolute" in its determination to make Iraq fully comply with UN mandates, and it remained to be seen whether or not Saddam would allow inspectors full access. (Reuters)



# Lone warrior routed York and Lancaster

BY SIMON DE BRUKELLES

A WELSH butcher who decided that a re-enactment of a Wars of the Roses battle was not bloody enough was jailed yesterday after single-handedly routing both armies.

Leighton Thomas, 24, was among spectators watching 50 enthusiasts from the White Company slog it out with swords and axes during the event at Kidwelly Castle, west Wales, when he decided to intervene. Magistrates at Llanelli were told that he ripped open a beer can with his teeth. then leapt from the crowd yelling: "I'm a Viking butcher and I'il cut you all into little

The court heard that, fuelled by local ale, the sixfooter stood on the drawbridge of the lith-century



to a fight. First he attacked Branwell Beavers, a guard, ripping out chest hairs and ramming his head against the castle door. He then turned on Simon Copsey, a minstrel, punching him in the face.



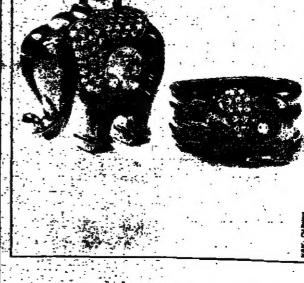
Fearing further attacks, both armies regrouped and locked themselves inside the castle walls. Katherine Jones, prosecuting, told magistrates: "He was making threats to he was arrested. He also

was head butting the dose." Police were called, but Thomas refused to surrender and spat in the face of Michael John, a special constable, as

that he could not recall the incident, which had followed an argument with his girlfriend. Admitting three of-fences of assault, he told the magistrates: "I don't know what came over me. My son was born only yesterday and I would like to turn over a new leaf and start a new life."

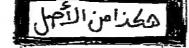
Lawrence Murphy, the magistrate, said the offences were so serious that he would jail Thomas for six weeks, which would have been three months but for the matters raised in mitigation. Stephen Lloyd, Thomas's solicitor, had said that Thomas was a

pleasant young man' creept when drimk After the case, Ray Rees, for the White Company, which regularly organises re-exact-ments-of battles, said: "He caused a lot of alarm. We will



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# Carey blesses long and successful union

Marriage that has seen 'profound changes in personal and national

life' was celebrated with due pomp, reports Alan Hamilton

THE Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh knelt before the Archbishop of Canterbury in Westminster Abbey yesterday to receive his blessing at a thanksgiving service to mark their golden wedding anni-

In the most personal and private moment of a 40minute service whose tone was celebratory and joyful, Dr George Carey stood before the royal couple and, as the choir sang an anthem, blessed their long and successful union.

In his public address. Dr Carey repeated the Church of England's traditional marriage vows and told the congregation that those vows, made by the couple on the same spot in 1947, had been kept through the profoundest of changes in personal and national life.

The Sovereign of a nation going through such changes, together with her consort, carries at times a heavy burden. That is what sovereignty means and it is something they have shouldered together," Dr Carey said.

"But our Queen, with the profound sustaining of her husband's encouragement and support, has carried out her duties through all of these with distinction, courage, sacrifice and, as we heard yesterday, tolerance. Never an easy task, those of us looking on have known their vocation to have been at times a hard one.



Carey: said marriage is

For amidst all the grandeur and magnificence of the office has been the sheer weight of work and responsibility - the times of sorrows and setbacks as well as of joys and

triumphs." Dr Carey continued: "Today we honour the steady dignity with which they have served us and in which our nation and Commonwealth have been richly blessed."

Marriage, Dr Carey said, was a basic building block of any society and the surest foundation of family life. The fact that some marriages fail should not lead us to a false deprecation of marriage; it is not something we can afford as a nation to abandon because of the difficulties which may be experienced."

In a clear reference to the fact that three of the Queen's children had experienced divorce, Dr Carey continued: "Nor, by celebrating marriage as we do today, do we rebuke or dismiss those for whom it has never been a way of life or whose experience of marriage has been neither as longlasting nor as secure as the one we honour in this service."

His words were heard by a congregation that included almost the entire British Royal Family including Queen Eliza-beth the Queen Mother, their four children and six grandchildren Princes William and Harry, Peter and Zara Phillips, and Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie. Prince Edward was accompanied by his girl-friend Sophie Rhys-Jones.

In memory of the late Diana, Princess of Wales, her mother Frances Shand Kydd and her sisters Lady Sarah McCorquodale and Lady Jane Fellowes were present. Virtually the only absentees were Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, who is 97 and infirm, and the Duchess of York, who was invited to the

service but did not attend. In the rows behind sat the greatest assembly of foreign monarchy seen in London since the Coronation. Also there were members of the Royal Household, personal friends, long-serving staff, and



Prince William with his cousin Zara Phillips - who teased him after he was presented with a posy of flowers by a 14-year-old girl - at the Royal Naval College

By Damian Whitworth

THE six-year-old boy was only asking the question no adult would. "Hello," he said to the strapping young European royal who was beaming down at him. "Who

The Prince of Orange (for, after some inquiries, it emerged that it was he) paused and then threw back his head and roared. "I like

While the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh lunched with the people yesterday the

# Royalty lark is child's play

Prince of Wales and his sons hosted another banquet strictly for British and European royalty and a few friends. Nevertheless, their event proved just as much of a leveller as that at the Banqueting House, thanks to 600 uninhibited children the parade of characters only vaguely familiar from the pages of Hello. After the

Kathleen Richardson of the Free Church Federal Council

Westminster Abbey service the 200-strong royal party took a boat downriver from Lambeth Pier to Greenwich and disembarked — gig-gling and gossiping — at the Royal Naval College.

They were met by a ing mob, but it could not have been friendlier, composed as it was of young pupils from four local

make it any the less danger-ous. This mob brandished home-made flags of the many nations represented by the horde of Euro-royalty. The Prince of Wales, leading the way with Princess Margaret, bent down to year-old and only narrowly avoided the flag stick lodging itself up a nostril. Siz-year-olds do not stand on a bowed head or a curtsy in sight. An alien, ignorant of hundreds of years of defermight have taken the noisy children for the leaders of our society as the adults howed low to them and shook the proferred hands.

The one person the children

did know and were keen to

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kiss but it happened so quickly," said Rachel afterwards. "He seemed very shy." William was teased by his cousin, Zara Phillips.

As the foreign delegation, including seven crowned heads, disappeared inside for lunch, those outside were still wondering who they all were. And who on earth was



building block of society

all surviving present and past Prime Ministers: Tony Blair, John Major, Baroness Thatcher, Lord Callaghan and Sir Edward Heath. William Hague, the Tory leader, was accompanied by his fiancee

The congregation was buoyed by rousing traditional hymns, including The Lord is My Shepherd and Love Divine, All Loves Excelling. Peter Phillips, the 20-year-old son of the Princess Royal and the Queen's eldest grandchild, read steadily and confidently from Ephesians, and leaders. of the nation's other principal Christian faiths offered prayers, including one from Dr for the life of Diana. During the service ten coues, picked from all walks of life, who married on the same day as the royal couple were

also blessed by Dr Carey.
At 11.40 the Queen and Duke retraced their steps down the abbey aisle, as they had done as newlyweds 50 years ago, and out into a dark and threatening November gloom to face the crowds. As they emerged the abbey bells peal of 5.050 Stedman Caters. The crowd were unaware of such detail, but they appreciat-

# Monarchy and Government each have a role to play

This is the speech made by the Queen yesterday at the gov-ernment banquet hosted by the Prime Minister to celebrate her golden wedding:

Filling Fill and I were married on this day 50 years ago, Britain had just endured six years of war, emerging battered but victorious. Prince Philip had served in the Royal Navy in the Far East, while I was grappling, in the ATS, with the complexities of the combustion engine and learning to drive an ambulance with care.

Today, Prime Minister, we accept your generous hospitality in a very different Britain. The Cold War is over and our country is at peace. The economy in your charge, and which you inherited, is soundly based and growing. And, dur-ing these last 50 years, the mass media culture has transformed our lives in any number of ways, allowing us to learn more about our fellow human beings than, in 1947, we would have thought possible.

What a remarkable 50 years they have been: for the world, for the Commonwealth and for Britain. Think what we would have missed if we had never heard the Beatles, or seen Margot Fonteyn dance; never have watched television. used a mobile phone or surfed the Net — or, to be honest, listened to other people talking about surfing the Net. We would never have heard

omeone speak from the Moon; never have watched England win the World Cup. or Red Rum three Grand Nationals. We would never have heard that Everest had been scaled, DNA unravelled, the Channel Tunnel built, his replacements become commonplace. Above all, speaking personally, we would never have known the joys of having children and grandchildren. Since I came to the throne in

have come to see me each week at Buckingham Palace. The first. Winston Churchill, had מם מזועי בספב Omdurman. You, Prime Minister, were born in the year of

You have all had, however, one thing in common. Your advice to me has been invaluable, as has that from your counterparts, past and present, in the other countries of which I am Queen.
I have listened carefully to it

all. I say, most sincerely, that I could not have done my job

For I know that, despite the huge constitutional difference between a hereditary monarchy and an elected government, in reality the gulf is not so wide. They are complementary institutions, each with its own role to play.

And each, in its different

way, exists only with the support and consent of the people. That consent, or the lack of it, is expressed for you, Prime Minister, through the ballot box. It is a tough, even brutal, system but at least the

TONY BLAIR told the Queen that she was "simply

the best of British" in a

tribute that underlined the

growing warmth in the re-lationship between Prime Minister and Sovereign.

Disclosing that earlier this week the Queen had

told him not to be "too effusive", Mr Blair said

that she was "unstuffy,

unfussed and unfaced by anything". She was he

said, the essence of dignity

but it was a dignity that was

very much down to earth.

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Government in years to come. I wish you wisdom and God's help in your determination that Britain should remain a country to be proud of. And, as one working couple

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experience, but because she was an "extraordinari-

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Hers is advice worth

having." He added: "I believe that

for both you and Prince

Philip, life's chief impera-

tive, what keeps you going, is a simple concept: duty, Duty leading to service."

Blair's speech was a per-sonal and heartfelt tribute.

Informed sources suggest-ed that relations between

the Queen and Mr Blair

Downing Street said Mr

THE PRIME MINISTER

hope that on March 29, 2030, you and your wife will be celebrating your own golden

wedding.

And, talking of the future, I confidence in this country of ours just now. I pray that'we, people, Government and Royal Family, for we are one, can prove it to be justified and that Britain will enter the next millennium, glad, confident and a truly United Kingdom.

This is, too, an opportunity for Prince Philip and me to offer, in the words of one of the most beautiful prayers in the English language, our 'hum-ble and hearty thanks' to all those in Britain and around the world who have welcomed us and sustained us and our family, in the good times and the bad, so unstintingly over

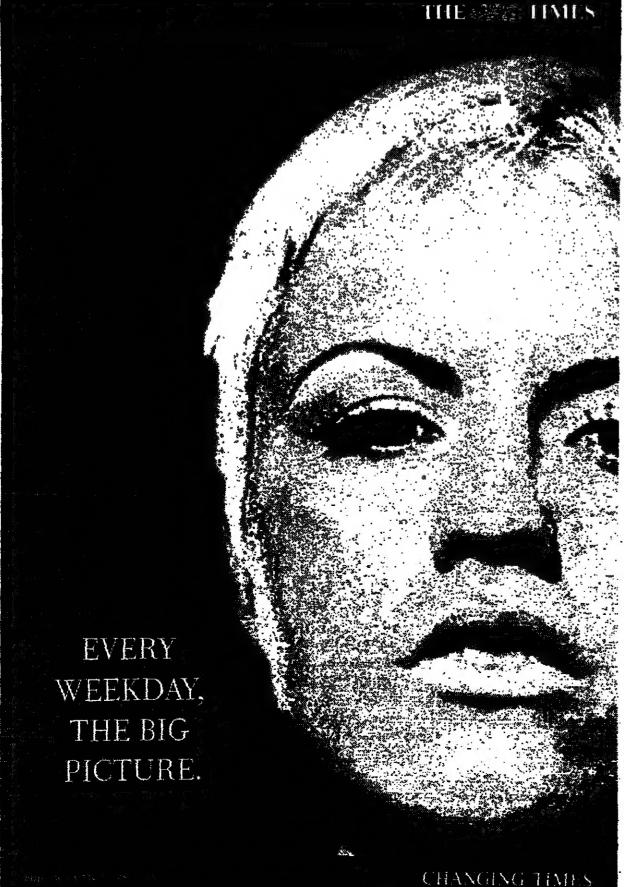
This has given us strength, most recently during the sad days after the tragedy of Diana's death. It is you, if I may now speak to all of you directly, who have seen us through, and helped us to make our duty fun. We are deeply grateful to you, each and every one.

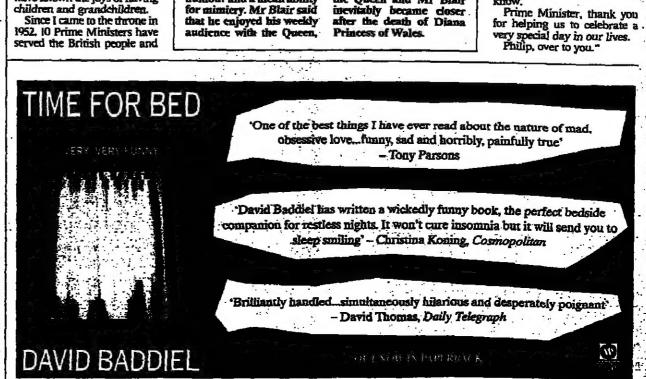
Yesterday I listened as Prince Philip spoke at Guildhall, and I then proposed our host's health. Today the roles are reversed.

All too often, I fear, Prince Philip has had to listen to me speaking. Frequently we have discussed my intended speech beforehand and, as you will imagine, his views have been expressed in a forthright

He is someone who doesn't take easily to compliments but he has, quite simply, been my strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever

Prime Minister, thank you for helping us to celebrate a very special day in our lives.











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Shirley Bassey, the singer, arriving at the Banqueting House before the unexpectedly informal meal yesterday

# Carte blanche rules at People's Banquet

By VALERIE ELLIOTT

TONY BLAIR has introduced a new element to public life which could strike terror in most ordinary mortals - the surprise telephone invitation to dine with him and the Queen.

However, the car factory worker, the policewoman, the Girl Guide leader, and the nursing director who joined them for lunch yesterday ex-changed jokes with the Sovereign and the Prime Minister.
The first of the People's Banquets" to mark the golden wedding of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh broke

with the usual rigours of protocol. The guests were giv-/en no formal guidance on how they should address the Queen and Mr Blair, and were not advised to bow or curtsy. They were also faced with a minefield on the table a gleaming armoury of four knives and forks, and four glasses, but no rules of

engagement.
The ordinary people plucked to share the special day for the royal couple were smazed by the complete informality of the occasion. They



Patricia Denais with her hosband Laurie, a worker at Nissan, before he had lunch with the Queen.

may have been rubbing shoul-ders with "the great and good" in the splendid surroundings of the Banqueting House on Whitehall, yet first names were used by the Prime Minis-

ter, there was plenty of banter, and even a few racing tips. They were delighted, too, to. see people they had previously seen only on television, with

John Major, the former Prime Minister, playing mein host — he introduced Michael Atherton, the England cricket captain, to singer Kate Bush and ballerina Darcy Bussell. They also pointed out Sir Cliff Richard, who was daringly clad in a pin-striped suit and

Nerys Owen, 47, director of



Frank Bruno, Rowan Atkinson and Cherie Blair arriving for the luncheon

had been given a place at Top Table A" that she fell over and lost a pearl earring. "I felt very humbled but the Prime Minister and the Queen made me feel very relaxed. They were very good company and wanted to know about community nursing. I enjoyed the occasion and the food, and also feel I am now enlightened about

The stunning frescoes on the ceiling in the hall also prompt-ed conversation about the restoration of Windsor Castle

Helen James, 25, a student, who is a Guide leader and member of the Guide Association's junior council, said: "The Queen said she was very pleased with the restoration, but most of us were surprised that it was five years ago since the fire. It was less formal than I thought it was going to be, I felt very comfortable with

"I forgot to suggest to Mr Blair that his daughter Kathryn should join the Brownies or Guides, but he did tell me how much he wanted to visit North Wales because he thought it very beautiful. He said sadly that time was precious."

Gillian Shields, community policewoman of the year, and a mother of three, told her hosts about the tribulation of patrolling the Rattles council state in Carlisle. "But it was all so friendly. The Queen was interested in how I coped as a working mother. She understood the problems. There was also a lot of empathy with my experience of the Press in the past few days. She was extremely sympathetic and said

WPC Shields refused, how-ever, to give details of the Queen's table joke.

# Queen shows Prime Minister the way on joint walkabout

THE Queen and her tenth Prime Minister went on joint walkabout in Whitehall yesterday, as if to underline the monarch's lunchtime remarks that in this new Pcople's Britain there is not really much of a gap between bereditary monarchy and elected Government.

It was more of a strollabout, taken at a leisurely pace from noonday drinks at 10 Downing Street to the Government's anniversary present, a lunch for 350 at the Banqueting House. The walk is barely 200 yards, but they spun it out for a good 20 minmes, taking advantage of a sudden burst of sunshine that banished the morning's rain.

The crowd was of a respectable size, but still a mere fraction of that which greeted the royal couple on their wedding day, and considera-bly smaller than that for the Remembrance Day parade in the same street ten days

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Blairs met the crowds

yesterday. Alan Hamilton reports

of the street where the pavement was more or less full

behind the crush barriers. The parallel act of the Duke of Edinburgh and Cheric Blair chose to work the opposite side, where the crowd was for the most part one deep

There was some mild dissent in the crowd about the ctiquette of the Blairs muscling in on a royal act. Roy Rogers, 66, a visitor from Cape Town, said: This is fantastic, but it was spoilt by Cheric. She was acting like the First Lady, shaking hands with people, it's not her day."

Mr Blair's body language
spoke deference, despite
being much taller than his monarch and a compulsive

Queen prefers the exchange

of pleasantries to physical flesh-pressing. As the Queen threaded her way up Whitehall. Mr Blair followed a

a good deal more hand-shaking, and even on one occasion kissing, than did her royal guest, who nonetheless seemed to be hugely enjoying himself. For a man of 76, he still has an enor-

respectful three steps behind, occasionally waving in acknowledgement and frequently reaching out to grasp a proferred hand. Across the street Mrs Blair. walking with the Duke, was doing her best not to steal the show, but she still indulged in

complete strangers.

mous capacity for banter with At the royal couple's earlier walkabout, outside Westmin-

the crowd was at least six deep and noticeably more voluble. They applanded the Queen and Duke throughout the 15-minute walk up Storey's Gate to their waiting car, called for three cheers, and pressed flowers, greetings cards and even a balloon into their hands. Some had been queueing in the drizzle since 7.30am.

One of the first was Mary Raiph, 63, from King's Lynn, Norfolk, who as a schoolgiri had watched the 1947 wedding, and still had the original souvenir brochure to prove it. Another was Myrna Lineger, 56, from Taunton, chatching a bouquet for the

"I think today is really an achievement; the Queen has done a really good job," Mrs Lineger said. "Oh dear," she added after the Queen had passed. "I gave her the flowers but I forgot to give her the card. Should I get another walkahout, outside Westmin-ster. Abbey and with none but decided, in the end, not to.





# Wild-eyed rude boy goes hunting for Mrs B

here are five Commons min-isters at the Department of Trade and Industry: a fat one; two thin ones (bearded and beardless): a female one and an absent one. The absent one is the Secretary of State, Margaret Beckett. Her Shadow, John Redwood, likes to sneer at her caravanning hobby and her disappearances. At Industry Questions yesterday, she

told she was in Australia. And why not? Mrs Beckett is a capable woman. She may feel she has better things to do than justify her caravan to a rude man with wild eyes representing a small. right-wing party centred on the South of England. Were I her, I

A LEADING Queen's Coun-

sel and pillar of the liberal

legal establishment has cast

doubt on whether the

Birmingham Six case was the

miscarriage of justice it is widely held to be.

The case, a chief factor in

the setting up of the Royal

Commission on Criminal Jus-

tice which reported in 1993, is

regarded as one of biggest

failings of the criminal justice

The six men, who were

Birmingham public house

bombings, were released in

1991. Jack Straw, the Home

Secretary, has recently apol-ogised to them and each of the

men has been offered

The Court of Appeal con-

cluded that the jury would probably have found the men

not guilty had it known that

their confessions were unreli-

able. But in a new book. The

Birmingham Six and Other

Cases, Sir Louis Blom-Cooper,

compensation.

had disappeared again. We were

Australia until Mr Redwood went

The line he took yesterday was to tell MPs that she was "running scared" of him. "Down Under". The implication was that, such was the fear Mr Redwood inspires in the President of the Board of Trade, she had lost her nerve and made a run for it to the other side of the

Australians are among the world's keenest caravanners. Briefly one entertained a mental picture of a small caravan site among the gum trees in Woolloomooloo, where, to the sound of the calling kookaburra bird, the President of the Board of Trade and Mr Beckett sip tea in their touring Bessacar would be tempted to stay in Cameo, a nervous eye on the

stripped of the embellish-

ments and distractions of pro-

tracted proceedings, point to

their complicity (perhaps with

others unknown or unidenti-

Society must accept "warts

and all, the results of the

judicial process", he says. But he adds: "We should not

instinctively disable ourselves

from conducting a constant search and evaluation of the

evidence alleged by the Crown

as pointing to the six men's

implication in the dastardly

deed of killing and maiming

Sir Louis says that the only

safe answer is "agnosticism"

although it is not, he says, the

only conceivable answer. He

clearly distinguishes the case from that of the Guildford

Four and other miscarriages

of justice.
"Often — rather too often —

the ultimate result of the

Birmingham Six case is linked

with the quashing of other

contemporaneous convictions,

fied) in a wicked crime?"

plicants 'innocent'."

He cautions against being

"too assiduous" in calling into

question jury verdicts. Other-

wise there was a danger of un-

dermining public confidence

in the criminal justice system

even more so than has the

who were proved ultimately to

have fabricated several of the

confessions in the Birm-

ingham Six and other cases". Sir Louis was knighted in

1992 for his work as chairman

of the Mental Health Commis

sion and Independent Com-

mission for the Supervision of

Standards of Telephone Infor-

mation Service. He was

chairman of the Press Council

from 1989 to 1990 after a



highway lest Mr Redwood, eyes a-swivel, come tootling up in his Reliant Robin to resume his greeninked denunciations of imagined Beckett conspiracies against the

So Mrs B was "running scared"? Redwood had a point, though not quite the point he intended. What is undoubtedly true that we are all a little scared of Mr Redwood - but not in the way he thinks. At one stage during July 1995, when it looked possible he might oust John Major and become Prime Minister,

Woolloomooloo became a suddenly attractive option.

Nearly as scary as Redwood is the Industry minister responsible for Employment matters. This is the fat one. Ian McCartney has an incomprehensible Clydeside accent, a pudding-basin haircut and no neck. He is about three feet

Yesterday he seemed to have only one answer to the many Opposition Questions it fell to him to answer. He simply shouts, in a frightful party won it. As a debating gambit, this palls with repetition.

As an industrial policy, it reires fleshing out. Perhaps-McCartney was attempting this when he added (to Redwood): We're squeaky-clean. You're just

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Of the two thin ministers, the bearded one (John Battle) reminds us of an Assistant Physics with-Chemistry (and Special Maths) teacher at a struggling com-

Raged at (over the sale toforeigners of Rolls-Royce) by Nicholas Winterton (C. Macclesfield) and Gwyneth Dunwoody (Lab, Crewe & Nantwich), the beard

monotone, that the party opposite lost the general election, and his party won it. As a debating gambit, young Nigel Griffiths. is beardless.

One of Gordon Brown's teenyhoppers, he managed to say nothing at all in his reply to Opposition spokesman Cheryl Gillan's question about the pricing of electrical goods — and say it in a faintly selfsatisfied way.

Finally, we have the lady minister who was there: Barbara Roche. Jolly, assured and rather impressive, Mrs Roche prefaced her reply to the Tories' Theresa May (Maidenhead) by remarking to the Chair: "I'll be as courteous as I can - she's

Some things at Westminster go deeper than politics.

prison system. It would be the

height of irresponsibility not to take advantage of modern technology to help to prevent

Under existing legislation

any prisoner given a sentence

of under four years is auto-

matically released halfway

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The Conservatives attacked

the propsoal as a "massive U-

turn" in Government policy.

Sir Brian Mawhinney, the

Shadow Home Secretary said:

"It is now clear that tough on

crime' means soft on

He said: "We have seen a

significant shift in this coun-

criminals."

Straw uses tag

scheme to curb

jail numbers

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

# NEWS IN BRIEF

# Body of rescuer found in sea

The body of Bill Deacon. a helicopter winchman who lost his life while rescaing ten men from a foundering ship off Shet-land, was discovered by an RAF Sea King helicopter yesterday ten miles north of the wreck and more than 21 hours after he was swept into the sea by giant waves near the Isic of

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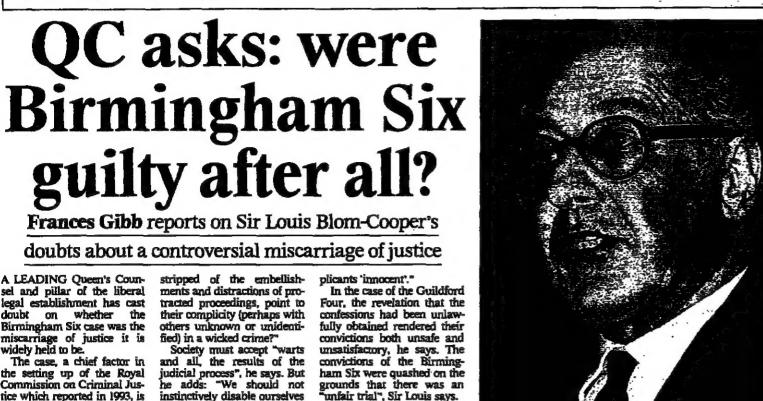
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Sir Louis Blom-Cooper says Court of Appeal's decision to quash convictions is open to debate

form. He had earlier retired from the Bar after 35 years. He also chaired the inquiries into the deaths of the battered children Jasmine Beckford and Kimberley

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Mersevside, which earned him praise for his blend of compassion and robust good sense. Sin Louis has written books on such varied subjects as bankruptcy, the A6 murder, to debate. He says: "Might the nately, as miscarriages of period as chairman of the Carlile and the inquiry into the law lords, capital punis circumstantial evidence, justice and the successful apthe law lords, capital punish-

would be released up to two months early on condition that the new order a prisoner given four years could be released on a tag after serving 22 they agreed to a curiew of between nine and 12 hours a Although the scheme will be Prison governors will deteropen to all prisoners imprisoned for up to four years, Mr mine which prisoners should be released early, after taking Straw sought to reassure the public, saying that it was "improbable" that anyone convicted of violent or sexual into account the nature of the crime committed by an offend-

er, the likelihood of him or her reoffending, and the inmate's behaviour in prison. Mr Straw told MPs that the new home detention curiew would be included in the Crime and Disorder Bill to be

UP TO 6,000 prisoners could be released early, with elec-tronic tags, under proposals announced by Jack Straw, the

Home Secretary, yesterday to relieve pressure on overcrowd-

Prisoners serving between

three months and four years in jails in England and Wales

published early next year. He said that tagging prisoners for a short period after they left the jail would help them to lead a more structured life. But in a statement to MPs he admitted that the rise in the prison population of 3,400 since the general election to reach 63,000 had reinforced the case for early release

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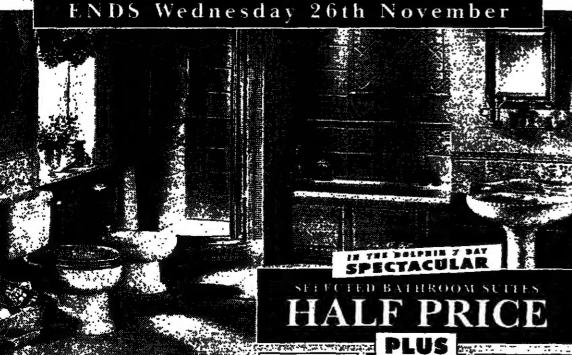
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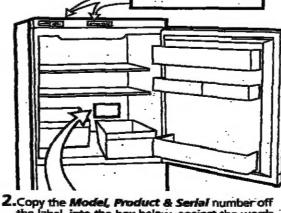
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# RAF wife suspected affair, says daughter

Murder case jury told that dead woman had been upset by party

photographs of accused officer with

girls. Michael Horsnell reports

THE daughter of an RAF officer told a jury yesterday that her mother suspected he was having an affair, a month before he is alleged to have killed her. Squadron Leader Nicholas Tucker denies murdering his wife for the love of a Serbian interpreter he met while serving in Bosnia.

Squadron Leader Tucker wiped away a single tear as his daughter outlined the crisis in her parents' marriage. Vanessa Vujcich, 22, who recently married a New Zealander, said that her mother Carol, 52, had discovered photographs of the squadron leader with two girls. The pictures were taken at a "boozy" party while he was at home on leave from acting as a military observer during the Bosnian

The jury at Norwich Crown Court was read a letter from Mrs Tucker to her husband after he returned to Bosnia; explaining why she was upset by the photographs and that he had bought presents to take back to Bosnia.

After her mother's death, Mrs Vujcich said, her father with the interpreter. Dijana Dudokovic, 21. After her mother's death, she took telephone calls at home for her father from Miss Dudekovic, with whom Squadron Leader Tuck-er. 46, is alleged to have had a passionate affair. He is accused of murdering his wife on the night of July 21, 1995, by staging a car accident in which his Ford Fiesta plunged into the River Lark in Suffolk as the couple returned from a

drowned under a bridge but, it is alleged, only after her husband had asphysiated her. Mirs Vujcich, an air hostess, did not look at her father as she gave evidence on the fourth day of his trial. She said that Squadron Leader Tucker appeared "uptight" when he returned home on leave in June 1995 and when he concluded his tour of duty the

meal in the Red Lion pub at

following month.

She said: "During that time my mother spoke to me about her suspicions. The day before he left, she said she suspected Obviously she was very upset



Turner: woke daughter to tell of mother's death

and looking for answers. She was cross." She added: "The affair

hadn't been patched up when he went back to Bosnia from leave. I understood my mother had seen some photographs that he had been showing around at the mess, two interpreters who were girls. and some other people. She had got annoyed, justifiably." An airmail letter from Mrs Tucker to her husband in Bosnia, read to the jury, said: "I was so upset by your photos of the smoothy parties with lots of booze and girls, and the men carrying them, showing them off. Any wife would be upset ... upset by the presentbuying and parties.

"I try not to worry and cope when I saw all the parties and boote going on. It probably meant nothing to you but it means a lot to me. I am so worried you might step on a mine ... or a sniper's bullet."

Mrs Vujcich said that she understood that when her father took her mother to the oub for dinner, it was "to talk over some things". Her father awoke her at 2am to tell her of

She was taken downstairs on his insistence, where she found the padre from RAF Honington, Suffolk, and friends of her parents. He sat down and said there had been an accident and Mum had died, and he was sorry. He was very upset and started to cry. A little later, I asked what had happened.

"He said they had been driving back from the pub and a deer had been in the road." She was told that her mother "had grabbed hold of the steering wheel, causing them

Mrs Vujcich said her father was admitted to RAF Wrough-ton in Wiltshire for treatment for stress after the accident, during which time she took a call from Miss Dudokovic.

Cross-examined by David Cocks, QC, for the defence, about how she had learnt from her father that he was having an affair, she said: "He said he and the interpreter had been on holiday together for a week in England. It was just a fling, nothing more. But I knew The case continues today.



Vanessa Vujcich yesterday. She said that her father had confessed to a "fling"

# Woman 'killed for £100,000 life policy'

By Russell Jenrins

A MAN hit his wife on the head with a hammer and drowned her in a bath to claim on a £100,000 life assurance policy, a court was told yesterday.

Stuart Warren, 30, needed to pay off mounting debts and killed his wife, Julie, when he realised that she was not about to receive a £95,000 inheritance from an aunt as she had claimed, Mold Crown Court was told.

The unemployed couple of Rhyl. North Wales, had been living the high life", spending lavishly on clothes, eating out, holidays and a car. Initially the money had come as gifts from an elderly single woman whom Mr Warren had befriended when he did odd jobs for her. He had received a total of £48,284 from Evelyn Busselle, by telling her various hard luck stories, the court

John Griffith Williams, QC, for the prosecution, said that Mr Warren believed that his wife's inheritance would pay mortgage arrears and other

creditors' claims.

Mr Williams said: "The Crown's case is that she had duped him into believing there was going to be a substantial inheritance and when he found out the truth, he faced ruin." He said Mr Warren. who denies murder, attacked his wife in the bath. Police found the hammer in a laun-

The case continues.

# Redgraves stage play by freed Bridgewater man

ONE of the men freed after 18 years when his conviction for the murder of the paperboy Carl Bridgewater was finally quashed has written a play about the pain of impris-onment which is being performed this weekend.

Jim Robinson, whose one-man play Just Not Pair is being staged by Vanessa and Corin Redgrave at the Chelsea Centre, West London, en Sunday, said that writing had proved therapeutic. "It was a orging of a lot of feelings

Corin Redgrave in 1993, when the actor visited him in prison. Mr Redgrave, who has campaigned for many victims of misearriages of justice, had been moved by



Robinson: wrote about pain of imprisonment

their innocence, they should

With others, Redgrave wrote a letter of support and found out about the case. He Robinson, he was impressed by "the respect paid to Jim by everyone - warders and pris-

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oners. He had acquired a standing and dignity."
Describing Mr Robinson as faschating and delightful, Redgrave drew parallels with Oscar Wilde, who wrote the long poem De Profundis while in Reading jail: Wilde was also imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit fitted up. What he says in De Profundis is what it's like for an artist who has created colour to be deprived of that Jim said that when he came vanting to record everything he saw, struck by how every thing seemed new and fresh. He said, 'it's almost as if my senses have been deprived

Just Not Fair, with Malcolm Tierney, is directed by Jessica Dromgoole. Mr Red-grave said: "It's an extraordinarily personal and truthful account. Although there is pain, there is also a lot of

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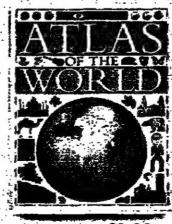
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# Sex crime victim confronted her attacker in cell

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE victim of a sexual attack bluffed her way into a court cell so she could personally lambast her assailant for the trauma he had put her through. The 39-year-old woman told prison officers she was from the man's solicitor and was left alone with him for 80 minutes.

He was bewildered, startled and frightened as she told him, in no uncertain terms, the horror she had endured, the disgust she felt and the trauma which followed the wickedness of his actions," Susan Klonin, the man's barrister, told Manchester Crown Court.

"He was left thoroughly and unterly chastised and they ended up in tears together. That confrontation, the like of which one cannot imagine,

taught him more than any prison sentence or group ther-

apy could ever do."
Miss Klonin was mitigating for Raymond Curwen, 27, who admitted indecently assaulting the woman as she waited at a bus stop. Curwen also admitted indecently assaulting a teenage girl at the same bus stop. When questioned by detectives, he confessed to approaching up to a dozen more women as they stood

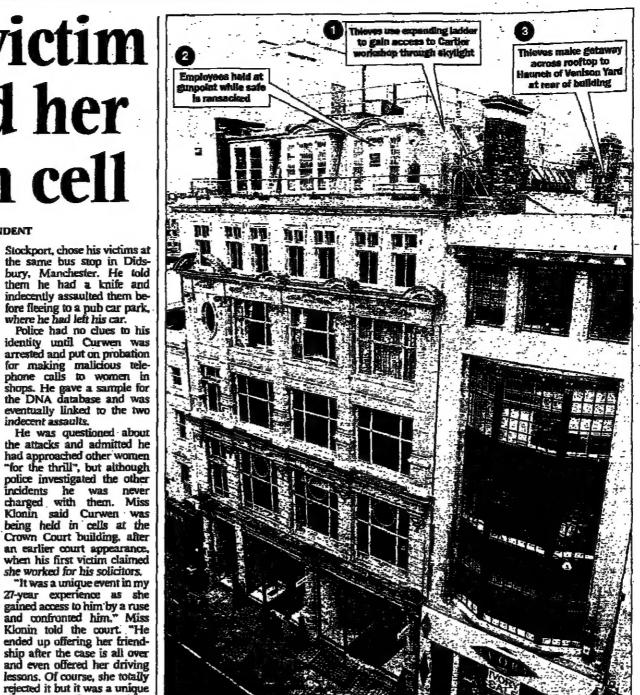
Experiences of this kind suffered by lone women are the very stuff of nightmares," Judge Rhys Davies said as he jailed Curwen for six years. You are a dangerous and

deviant human being and I have to consider the risk you represent to the public." Curwen, of Heaton Chapel,

shops. He gave a sample for the DNA database and was eventually linked to the two indecent assaults. He was questioned about the attacks and admitted he had approached other women

"for the thrill", but although police investigated the other incidents he was never charged with them. Miss Klonin said Curwen was being held in cells at the Crown Court building, after an earlier court appearance, when his first victim claimed she worked for his solicitors.

"It was a unique event in my 27-year experience as she gained access to him by a ruse and confronted him." Miss Klonin told the court. "He ended up offering her friendship after the case is all over and even offered her driving lessons. Of course, she totally rejected it but it was a unique circumstance of a lesson having been taught to him."



The scene of the raid on Cartier's jewellery workshops in London on Wednesday evening

# Ladder • may lead police to Cartier robbers

BY STEWART TENDLER AND PAUL WHITTAKER

POLICE were yesterday try-ing to trace the source of a ladder left after the raid on Cartier's jewellery workshops. Two masked raiders had crept across the roofs above New Bond Street, Central London, to reach the workshops, Scotland Yard said. The aluminium folding ladder was put against a security fence so they could smash a glass panel. Police sources said the armed raiders may

have had inside intelligence The raid, which took place on Wednesday evening, was clearly carefully planned: the robbers attacked one of the few glass panels on the mof not protected by a metal grille. They seemed to know what they were looking for and had timed the raid so that at least one safe was still open while those remaining finished their work. Two employees were threatened and handcuffed.

Arnaud Bamberg, managing director of Cartier, yesterday put the losses at below El million. Cartier, founded in Paris in 1847, has a long reputation for fine jewellery of the highest quality.

Police said that passers-by might have seen the men carrying the ladder and that they may parked a vehicle in

# The Link

Woman set on fire in park

Police are trying to establish a motive for an attack on a

young woman who was doused with petrol and set alight as she and her boyfriend walked through a park. Heidi Brown, 23, is critical but stable in hospital with severe

burns. She was attacked on Wednesday evening as she

and Chris Kelly, 28, her longtime partner, walked through the park at Bexhill, East Sussex. Police are trying

to trace four youths who Mr Kelly said were responsible. Police are asking Mr Kelly, who has been released from

hospital, to provide them with more information.

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THE most hyped and least liked vintage of beaujolais nouveau celebrated its 25th anniversary yesterday. In 1972 a Sunday Times columnist, Allan Hall, challenged his readers to be the first to put a bottle of the year's beaujolais nonveau on his desk. The great beaujolais

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The race has become a charity challenge. This year's recipient is the Great Ormand Street Hospital for Children. The usual round of beaujolais breakfasts in wine bars and cut-price stacks in supermarkets andged yester-day's sales over 100,000 cases. By the weekend, they could well have topped the 120,000 cases sold in Britain last year. For once, the usual crop of complaints about this often thin, anaemic red were mostly absent. No doubt Hall's

unlacky choice gave the wine

a had reputation from the start. But the highly publicised race, with beaujo-lais nouveau brought to Brit-ain by everything from elephant and parachute to motorised bathtub, did little to convince discerning drinkers that nonveau should be part of their year.

however. 1 1997 beaujolais nouveau, one of the earliest vintages on record, left an unusually sweet taste in the mouth. The region's sunny, early harvest thick-skinned gamay grapes.

Though not a great year tage is a good one and, with its lack of acidity and the much improved sterlingfranc rate, will be a highly commercial year. British merchants have dramatically apped their orders:

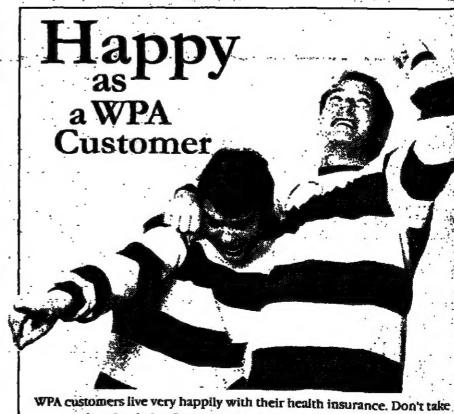
I tasted the ten most widely

distributed beaujolais nonveaux and can report that the wine is a pretty crimsonpurple with a lively, ripe, juicy, boiled-sweet style that should please all. These are the best of the bunch: 1. Georges Dubocuf (Thresh-

er, Wine Rack and Bottoms Up. £4.99). Ripe, meaty bonbons acidule, in this case cherries, raspberries and bananas, on the nose an

2. Auguste Berthilier (Sainsbury, £2.99). JS should have no trouble selling out by the weekend of this light, breezy, joyous beaujolais nouveau, full of light, juicy cherry and banana fruit. The Times best

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3. Joseph Drowhin (Majestle Wine Warehouses, £3.99). A deep, brilliant crimson pur ple leads on to a zesty, plummy palate.



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# Wild West surfers wash up in Colchester





Sharone and Juergen Newhoff with daughter Alexandra: they saw Colchester through Actual Size's remote camera

# An American family fed up with rising crime found a safe haven via the Internet in old-world Essex, reports Adam Fresco

ONCE families headed west to the New World in search of a better life. Now an American couple has fled back to the old world, driven out by

rising crime.

Fed up with the vicious gang wars in Albuquerque, New Mexico, once home to Billy the Kid, Juergen Neuhoff was faced with choices as diverse as remote Alaska, bustling but crime-free Japan or the Australian

But one night the computer expert finally found on the Internet what he was looking for, as he focused on a closedcircuit television camera showing Colchester, Essex.

For nine months Mr Neuhoff, 43, and his wife Sharone studied the live picture showing Trinity Square, a pedestrianised part of Britain's oldest recorded town. The couple also embarked on thorough research of the area. Making full use of the Internet, they looked at the education system for their 12-year-old daughter, checked the health services available, public transport and even looked up weather charts for

With their eyes firmly fixed

boxes and a bos stop, they scanned the faces of the people walking along, young and old, to see if they looked glum or happy. They also kept a note of what they were wearing to make sure it was

not too cold for them. Mrs Neuhoff, 43, said: "It looked such a friendly place with happy people out walk-ing or shopping. They seemed kind and respectful to each

going out together with ba-bies in prams. "We got up early in the

morning because of the seven-

hour time difference and watched Colchester by day and then saw it at night too.
"It was so peaceful. There were no muggers jumping out of alleys or people being molested in the street. There were no robberies or threaten ing gangs wandering around and we hardly ever saw a

county has crime figures well below the national average, notably so for violent crime, which is nearly half the national figure. A recent survey revealed residents in Colchester were more satisfied with their surroundings than people anywhere else in Britain.

The family finally moved in to their three-bedroomed, semi-detached home in the Do To: latto://www.actual.co.pk/streetcass.htm orums Coming Soon ... THE NEW COLCHESTER STREET-CAM! chat room street-cam questbook

with their decision. Mr Neuhoff, who was born in Germany, said: "There is no paradise anywhere in the world but Colchester is good

We watched the area for some time and noticed people were friendly, and there were no guns or criminals running around. You can go out at night and not worry too much about getting shot. Our daughter can also go to school

don't have to worry about her being involved in drive-by

In Albuquerque innocent people got caught up in violence, Mrs Neuhoff said. "An elderly man was drink-ing coffee in his kitchen when a gang drove past his house and thinking that his nephew was inside they sprayed the house with bullets. He was hit and died."

The killing of a friend's young son proved the last straw for the family. Mrs Neuhoff added: "He was Mrs Neuhoff said: 'The schools have metal detectors crossing the road on his bike to stop children carrying when a car deliberately drove knives and guns. We did not straight into him. It was want Alexandra to grow up in driven by a teenager who that surt of environment. "Here she can walk through the town and we wanted to get into a street gang but who had to prove

Their house in the city, which has a population of almost half a million, was in a neighbourhood of whites, blacks and Hispanics.

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Once we decided that it looked wholesome and good, we needed to know about things like house prices.

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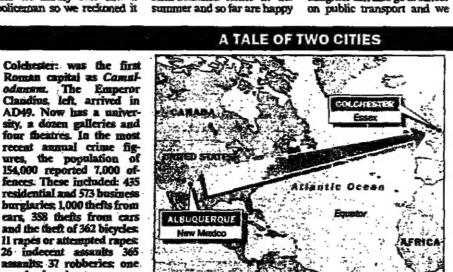
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transport and education." Mr Neuhoff is a longtime user of the Internet and works as a compiler-writer helping computer programmers.

The street camera Web site was set up by an internet services company which provides Web sites for local businesses. Gary Leach, who runs Actual Size Internet Solutions with his partner Jamie Clary, said: "We were knocked out. The woman just walked in and told us she had moved from America to Colchester because she had seen

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Albuquerque: site amid bar-ren desert settled by Span-ish in 17th century. Indians drove out pioneers but by 1790 a population of 6,000 had built up. Wild West home of Billy the Kid, right. Today a centre for shipping and farming the commun-ications industry is a big employer. Last year the 426,736 residents suffered 48,253 crimes. There were: 70 murders, 375 foreible rapes, 1,998 robberies, 3,824 aggravated assaults, 9,037 burglaries, 25,961 thefts,



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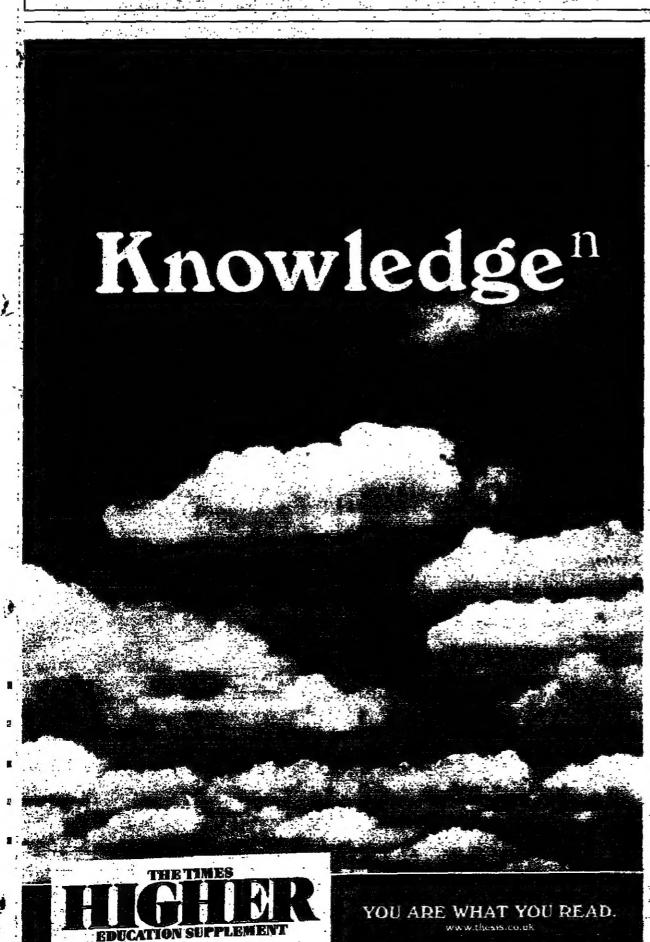
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# Baby died after doctor used forceps 10 times

Doctor fled to Sudan leaving family behind, reports Mark Henderson

A DOCTOR is facing a manslaughter charge after a coroner halted an inquest yesterday and refered papers about the death of a newborn baby to the Crown Prosecution Service.

Helmi Nour, a locum senior registrar obstetrician at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, delivered the baby with forceps using "grossly excessive" force, the Fulham coroner was told yesterday.

Amos Tutt, who should have been a healthy 8lb baby. died from severe head injuries inflicted by the forceps, including haemorrhaging and a four-inch skull fracture, an hour after the birth.

John Burton, the coroner, agreed to adjourn the inquest at the request of the baby's parents, Andrew Tutt, 30, a senior registrar in oncology at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, and his wife Anne, 34, a lawyer, and forward the

papers to the CPS. Mr Nour, who was not at the hearing, is thought to have



Andrew Tutt and his wife Anne leaving the inquest yesterday. She was devastated by her son's death

returned to his native Sudan shortly after the operation on August 18, leaving behind his wife and children, who live in accommodation at Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow, northwest London. They have applied for political asylum.

The inquest was told that

Mr Nour had nine years'

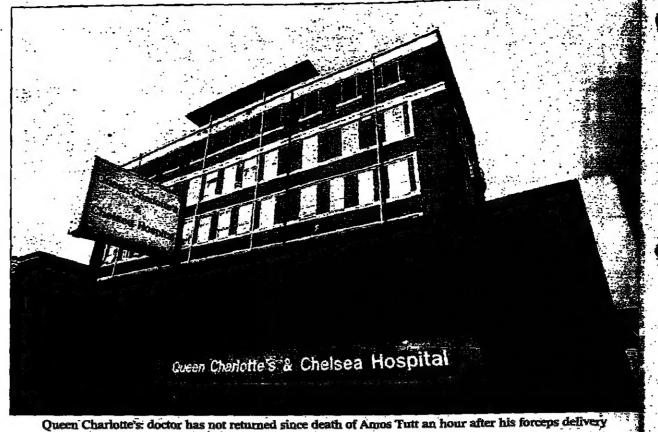
experience in the NHS, and had been at Queen Charlotte's for several months at the time of the baby's death. He and the senior house officer, Dr Caroline Allen, decided to deliver Amos with forceps when labour failed to progress after Mrs Tutt was induced Dr Allen told the court she had

the position of the baby, which had been confirmed by a "cursory" examination by Mr

She then tried to deliver him with forceps. Dr and Mrs Tutt said Mr Nour had never examined the mother, as hospital regulations require. Dr Allen pulled three times with the forceps in time with Mrs Tutt's contractions, according to hospital protocol. She then stopped.

Guidelines stipulate after two or three unsuccessful attempts a forceps delivery should be stopped and alternative methods such as a Caesarean section, considered. Mr Nour, as the senior doctor, then took over the operation, pulling at the forceps violently and roughly, Dr. Allen said.

"He was pulling with and without contractions. He made a number of pulls," she said. "I have never seen that degree of force or way of pulling. He was jiggling the



forceps around, he had his foot up on the bed, and he was pulling not just down, but

from side to side." Pulling out of time with contractions and moving forceps from side to side were not accepted practice, she told the court. Dr Allen said she had been very concerned and had

exchanged worried glances with the midwifery sister, Grace Evans. She said Mrs Tutt had had to be moved back into position because the strength of Mr Nour's pulling had dragged her down the

After as many as ten pulls, more than three times as

he was then able to deliver easily with the forceps. The child was limp, and showed no signs of life.

the birth, told the court he had

become increasingly agitated

as Mr Nour's forceps delivery progressed and he noted growing anxiety in the hospital staff. People were looking at what was happening with

abject horror on their faces," he told the court. "I remember everybody in the room and particularly those around the bed looking at him [Nr Nour] with extreme

Dr Tutt, who was present at

worried me. It was not just me who was worried, it was everyone." At one stage he became so concerned that he shouted at

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Mr Nour to stop pulling. T said. Stop. that's enough." he told the court. Mr Nour had Nour had ig-nored him, he said.Mrs Tutt said that despite the effects of anaesthetic she nodifference in

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Dr Allen, She Dr Allen and Sister Evans react to Mr Nour. "I could sense the panic in the room."

She said the impact of losing. her child had been devastating. There aren't many things about what happened that lunchtime that I have forgotten, she said. They are things that go around my

head every day." Sister Evans, who was watching Mrs Tutt for con-

haby's heartbeat, said she many as are-recommended, became so concerned about Mr Nour removed the forceps, Mr Nour's methods that she re-examined Mrs Tutt and left the room to find a senior doctor for help. "It was consider decided the baby was not positioned as diagnosed earli-er. He turned the baby, which erable traction, that made in feel uncomfortable and the need to seek senior assistance which I have never had to do

> In 6'2 years as a sister at Queen Charlotte's, she had never felt she had to summin another doctor to assist with a complicated labour. "I was worried for the baby and for Anne," she said.

> She found a junior doctor and an off duty sister, who bleeped another senior registrair who arrived as Amos was born. Sister Evans also said Mr Nour had ignored her twice when she asked if he needed a second opinion on the labour complications, and had said nothing when Dr Tutt became concerned and she suggested a Caesarean section. The pathologist who

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Dr Tutt, 30, and his wife. General Medical Council. from Fulham, West London left the hearing without comment which was adjourned for a future date, where it is hoped a final verdict will be given. After the hearing a spokesman for Queen Charlotte's Hospital said Mr Nouri had over six . years' relevant experience in-British hospitals before his

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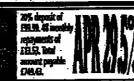


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# Hindley set on challenge to 'life is life' ruling

MYRA HINDLEY is to mount a legal challenge next month to the Home Secretary's confirmation that she must spend the rest of her life in jail.

Hindley, who is in Durham prison, was told earlier this week that Jack Straw had endorsed the decision of his predecessors that she must die in prison. A "suicide watch" has since been put on her.

The Home Office said that Mr Straw had considered all reports on Hindley, 54, who was jailed in 1966 for her part in the Moors murders: "He has looked at papers on her life tariff, which was set by a predecessor, and he has made a decision that he will not part from that. Life will mean life."

The decision was con-demned by Lord Longford, who has campaigned for Hindley's release, and the civil rights group Liberty, which said it was not for politicians or public opinion to keep

Lord Longford said he had total disgust and contempt for Mr Straw. "I am very sorry indeed that a high-minded man, a Christian Socialist like Jack Straw, should have taken that decision," the peer told BBC Radio 4. "Of course it's all as a result of the horrifying pressure exerted by the tabRichard Ford

reports on the next phase of campaign by

Moors murderer

to win freedom

loids year after year. This woman was a good, young Catholic until she ran into, began to work under, a very gifted but mentally disturbed man, Ian Brady. She was an infatuated accomplice 31 years ago. She's now a good woman, as many Catholic priests who know her will attest."

The National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders said the decision that someone should remain in jail for life should not be taken by a politician.

Hindley has served 31 years of a life sentence for the murder of Lesley Ann Dow-ney, 10, and Edward Evans, 17. She confessed ten years ago that she had also killed Keith Bennett, 12, and Pauline Reade, 16, and buried their bodies on Saddleworth Moor,

turned to Durham jail on Tuesday after a temporary transfer to Highpoint prison in Suffolk so that she could receive visits from Nina Wilde, a friend.

Ian Brady, her co-accused. is in Ashworth top security mental hospital on Merseyside where his health has broken down. He accepts that he will never be released but Hindley has fought a lengthy campaign to win her freedom.

The larest phase will occur next month when the Lord Chief Justice will hear her challenge against David Waddington's original decision as Home Secretary to raise her minimum sentence from 30 years to a whole life. That decision was endorsed by Michael Howard and now by Mr Straw, Even if Hindley's application for judicial review succeeds, the Home Secretary still has the final say on whether she should be released.

The Parole Board has recommended that she is suitable for open prison conditions. Prison Service However. sources say it would be impractical to hold her in an open jail because of fears that she could be attacked by members of the public.



Robbie Williams, above before an earlier hearing, must pay six months' commission to his manager. Nigel Martin-Smith, above right

# Row with manager may cost singer £1m

By PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

ROBBIE WILLIAMS, the pop singer, is facing a bill of up to £1 million after losing a High Court case brought against him by his former manager. Mr Williams , 23, was once the cheeky heart of the pop band Take That, until at the height of their success he found drink, drugs and football to be preferable to squealing

fans. He left the band in July 1995,

calling his fellow members "selfish,

arrogant and thick". As part of his contract, however, he was obliged to retain Take That's manager, Nigel Martin-Smith, for a six-month notice period until February 1996.

Mr Justice Ferris said: "Since the time when Robbie Williams left the group he has refused or failed to pay to Mr Martin-Smith some of the remuneration which Mr Martin-Smith claims to be payable to him under the management agreement."

Lawyers for Mr. Williams had

claimed that he was not obliged to make these payments because his obligations were terminated shortly after he left the group. But the judge roled that during this six-month period Mr Martin-Smith was entitled to a 20 per cent commission on Mr-Williams's recording earnings. Mr Justice Ferris said that Mr Williams was obliged to pay Mr Martin-Smith £90,000 - 20 per cent of the £450,000 deal that Mr Williams signed with BMG records after leaving Take That But Mr Martin-Smith was not entitled to earnings on Mr Williams's slice of Take That spin-offs - in particular a book called Take That - Our Great-

est Hits. The judge ordered an account of further commission payments and an inquiry into possible further damages in respect of Mr Williams's breach of the agreement. The singer will have to pay most of the costs, which will increase his final bill towards & mil-

# **Architects blow** a fuse over Christmas lights

BY PHILIP DELVES BROUGHTON

THE horrors of Christmas Partners and Lifschutz Davidstreet lighting are to be addressed by ten leading architects next week with an exhibition at the Museum of London. Most efforts at brightening up a shopping district for Christmas, they feel, are earish and unsophisticated.

Among the suggestions for Oxford Street in Landon by the RIBA Journal's Campaign for Better Christmas Lights is pedestrianisation and turning it into a "winter wonderland" or "bringing the grotto out of the department stores and into the street". Other ideas include decorating the buses which trundle up and down the street, making them part of the decorations; arranging a Mexican wave of lights the length of the street; and hanging a giant disco ball sur-rounded by projections in the middle of Oxford Circus.

The architects involved include Michael Wilford and son as well as the fashionable new lighting company, General Lighting and Power.

John Walsh, editor of the RIBA Journal, said that though street lighting had been improved after ucen's Coronation in 1953. when a great interest was taken in street architecture, interest and imagination had since fallen off.

Last week, Yves Saint Lau-rent, the French fashion company, was told it could not sponsor the lights in Regent Street as the planned display was too heavy on advertising. Though Mr Walsh criticised the turning of London's shopping streets into little more than giant, illuminated billboards, he said: "Sponsorship is essential but the lighting could be done with much more

imagination and taste." Leading article, page 21





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# Genuine consultation or just a clever marketing ploy?

GORDON BROWN will next Tuesday try to change the way that economic policy is debated in Britain. Having dropped the previous name of Green Budget to avoid confusion with environmental issues, the more modestly titled Pre-Budget Report will set out the main economic options ahead of decisions in the March Budget. Traditional Budget purdah largely dis-appeared during the relaxed Ken-neth Clarke regime, but has now been formally buried. But will this be any more than a skilful exercise in "new" Labour marketing?

Economic announcements have evolved over the past few years. In the 1980s, the autumn statement in November included decisions on

economic forecasts. This was fol-lowed by the spring Budget with tax changes and small revisions to spending plans. From 1993, the year of the two Budgets, these two statements were brought together in a unified statement in late November with merely an updat-ing of the forecasts in July. This framework has altered this year partly because of the timing of the election. Mr Brown brought in his Budget in early July and said the usual public spending round would not occur this year since Labour has stuck to the inherited Tory plans, with some reallocation in favour of health and education.

Next Tuesday's statement will

include the usual autumn forecasts

- for instance, showing that public

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borrowing is falling faster than expected in July. We are to have a code of fiscal stability, on the same lines as in New Zealand, imposing legal obligations to publish medi-um and long-term fiscal forecasts and targets. This is supposed to commitment to virtue: the test will be when spending and borrowing are rising sharply.
But in characteristic fashion.

showing his wide range across Whitehall, Mr Brown will produce

Sir Emmanuel's support for Labour became known over

It is understood that Sir

Emmanuel, who has won

ing his lengthy and successful

business career, supported Mr Howard because of his tren-

chant criticisms of the European single currency. In February last year Sir Em-

manuel launched a scathing attack on EMU in a letter to

The Times which was jointly

signed by some of Britain's

leading businessmen. The Prime Minister will

have a chance to thank him

personally for his support next

month at a gala hunch for

people who supported his blind trust. Sir Emmanuel,

with Lord Levy, will attend the

£250-a-head gala lunch

organised by the Labour

ed the Hague campaign with

everal Queen's Awards dur-

policy, covering investment and productivity, labour market and welfare reform, as well as options for tax changes. This partly reflects Mr Brown's view that the Budget is now less about "the national cake" than Britain's place in the international economy. He intends to set out broad principles and various options for change. These will cover corporate taxation, eached income tax credit and individual savings account (replacing Peps and Tessas), where a consultative paper will appear next month.

Such an exercise has two probleins first ensuring that taxpayers do not take anticipatory action before final proposals are announced in the spring Budget, and, second, preventing powerful lobby-

ing against change. That limits how specific Mr Brown can be. Some former Tory Chancellors have already warned about the dangers of lobbying and their preference for surprise. But these problems are inherent in any opening up of government and are more than offset by the chance for fuller discussion of important changes before they are announced. This could avoid the difficulties after the July Bodget when Mr Brown and his advisers failed to think through the serious

In other areas, notably welfare reform, and the interaction of tax and benefits, policy is still develop-

implications for international cor-

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tempted just to restate general intentions, he should outline some of the more specific options which are currently flowing to and iro across Whitehall, For instance, the Chancellor remains attached to the income tax credit despite the criticisms of many economists and worries about benefiting men rather than women. The Treasury has always been reluctant to share its dominant say over tax and economic changes with the Cabinet let alone with outsiders. Mr Brown also temperamentally likes to keep all the cards in his hand. His first task will therefore be to show that the consultation is genuine.

PETER RIDDELL

# Wallpaper company defends Irvine

By POLLY NEWTON

THE company supplying new wallpaper for the Lord Chancellor's official rooms at Westminster explained yesterday why it cost almost £60,000.

The wallpaper is the must

expensive item on a £333,000 bill for renovations carried out so far. Lord Irvine of Lairg has been criticised over the cost. Cole and Son. of North London, uses techniques and printing blocks dating back more than 150 years to create papers exactly like those designed by Augustus Pugin for the Palace of Westminster in the last century. The paper is made on the company's own mill at its premises in Islington. Each colour is applied

separately by hand and left to dry before the next is added. Denis Hall, consultant to Cole and Son, said that criticism of Lord Irvine was unfair. The work being done was not outside the ordinary programme of refurbishment at Westminster and the wallpaper was being provided at a relatively low price because the company regarded the

work as important. However, he said, the cost would normally have been spread over a longer period.
The unfortunate thing about Lord Irvine was that he wanted the whole thing done in one fell swoop. We don't normally do it that way."

There are 17 areas to be papered including offices, lavatories and large reception rooms with double height ceilings, Mr Hall said the job would require about 350 rolls

The total bill for work on the apartments, which are to be opened to the public, is expected to be £650,000.

# Blair benefactor funded Howard's leadership bid

backing in the run-up to the general election from a multimillionaire Eurosceptical industrialist who also supported Michael Howard's campaign for the Tory leadership,

Sir Emmanuel Kaye gave months after providing generous support for Mr Blair's office in opposition, according to the latest edition of the Register of Members' Interests, which was published yesterday. Sir Emmanuel, 83, the founder and chairman of the steel and office supplies firm Kaye Enterprises, was one of eight wealthy industri-alists who provided £49,000 for Mr Howard's leadership

campaign in June.

Months earlier he gave generous support to the "blind trust that provided millions of pounds to finance Mr

Register of MPs'

interests shows

generosity on two fronts, writes

**Nicholas Watt** 

was approached by Lord Levy. the record company boss and tennis partner of Mr Blair. who was the driving force behind the trust.

The coincidence emerged yesterday after Mr Howard. the former Home Secretary, disclosed details in the register of the donations to his unsuccessful campaign. There were no details of Mr Blair's blind trust in his entry in the register - he is not obliged to

Friends of Israel to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of the state. The financial support provided to the contenders for the Tory leadership election were one of the main features of yesterday register, which showed a marked drop in MPs outside earnings. William Hague raised more than E100,000 for his successful porter was Lord Flacis of Peckham, the carpet tycoon whose company Harris Ventures donated £74,000. The Carphone Warehouse provid-

Soames: adviser to a scores of mobile telephones chain of motorway and pagers.

Kenneth Clarke managed to service stations



Sir Emmanuel Kaye with Margaret Thatcher during a visit to his company when she was Prime Minister in 1990

raise £42,000. The former Chancellor's greatest support-er was the industrialist Nat Puri, who is Britain's tenth

richest Asian.
Sir Geoffrey Leights the chairman of Allied Rondon. Properties, gave Mr Clarke Secretary, who pulled out of ...

The donation was not declared because I only finalised details of the payment last

John Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary. disclosed in the register that his leadership campaign was financed by his think-tank, Conservative 2000, which pro-vided 54, 772. The former MP David Evans paid £10,000

interests. Mr Dorrell said: three directorships and also companies, including the motorway service chain Welcome

The influx of Labour MPs means that there is a sharp decline in total outside earn-

ings. In his introduction to the register, Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissigner for Standards, said that the number of entries for earnings over £1,000 had fall-

on by two thirds. Aside from the directorships and lists of shares in the register: there are some less conventional declarations. ligel Evans, Tory MP for

Labour MP for Basildon, has declared a free haircut. Barbara Follett, the new

Labour MP for Stevenage, must have a curious relationship-with her thriller writer husband. Her only entry is: "Communications consultant



# Ministers shrug off revolt over benefits

By Juli Sherman CHIKE POLITICAL

Evans: nightclubber

with free membership

of Stringfellows

THE Government insisted yesterday that there would be no rethink on its plans to cut benefit for single parents despite a growing revolt from Labour backbenchers.

Downing Street argued that there was a clear majority in favour of the Government's approach and said there would be no reversal of the policy initiated by the Tories to cut benefits for single parents by up to Ell a week

Tony Blair is facing his most serious revolt since the election over the issue and yesterday at least 55 Labour MPs signed a Commons motion calling on the Government to

On Wednesday MPs gave Harriet Harman a hard time at a meeting of the Parliamen-

tary Labour Party, saying that she had reneged on promises she made last year to repeal the Tory cuts. Some believed that the Government could be persuaded to change its mind because of better than expected economic prospects.

But this was ruled out by Downing Street yesterday. There is a clear majority in favour of the Government's approach," a spokesman said. Given that this was agreed before the election then it is a government policy."
Nevertheless there were

signs that ministers were prepared to make minor concessions over other benefit policies that they had inherited from the Tories.

During the committee stage of the Social Security Bill, Keith Bradley, the Social Security Minister, made clear that Labour would not reject a plan to reduce the period for

which benefits could be backdated from 12 months to one month. But Mr Bradley spelt out a series of hardship cases that would be exempt. These included the deaf and the blind, those with serious disabilities or any claimant in a

domestic emergency. Earlier Ms Harman gave a robust defence of the policy to cut single-parent benefits, which has nearly been through all its parliamentary stages in the Commons. But MPs will have the chance to put down amendments during the final report stage in order

to force a vote. Ms Harman said it was an example of the "hard choices" ministers had to take in keeping to departmental spending limits. MPs had "enthusiastically backed the Government's new deal to get people 'What we're doing is imple-



Harman: accused of reneging on promises

menting the manifesto to help lone mothers get work and be better off and I don't think that there's anybody in the party who doesn't share our delertoination to tackle social

first tabled in July but appeared again on the Order Paper yesterday because so many MPs signed on Wednes-day night. So far 80 MPs. including many Liberal Democrats, have signed the resolution, but the rebels are

# Dome organisers criticised by MPs

BY POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

MPs ACCUSED the Millenof failing to provide detailed plans for the dome exhibition at Greenwich. The attack came from mem-

bers of the Commons Select Committee on Culture, Media and Sport as they heard evidence from Eric Sorensen. the chief executive of the Millennium Commission, and Simon Jenkins, a commissioner. Claire Ward (Lah, Watford said there was little information about the contents, although the structurehad attracted huge publicity. It's a bit like Cadbury's developing a wrap-per without deciding what the

chocolate is going to be." Gerald Kaufman, the Labour chairman of the committee, said he had been told that. carry visitors around. "I'm a

the project, but things like that need to be thought out a great deal more carefully." Defending the commission, Mr Jenkins said it was the done itself that would pro-vide the main attraction. "If you can remember the Festival of Britain, nobody remembers the contents, they just remember the building . . . 1 believe people will want to go

and see the Dome." Lord Rogers of Riverside, the architect of the dome, said that after the exhibition the "umbrella" structure could be turned into a "village in an atrium" or a university.

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# Kremlin purge gives Chernomyrdin boost

PRESIDENT YELTSIN yes-terday ordered sweeping changes in his Cabinet, and demoted two young Deputy Prime Ministers in the fore front of Russia's reforms. One result of the purge is a boost for Viktor Chernomyrdin, his Prime Minister.

Mr Yeltsin's action against Anatoli Chubais, the Deputy Prime Minister involved in a bribery scandal, was an attempt to end seven days of political turmoil. Speaking for the first time since the crisis began, Mr Yeltsin confirmed that Mr Chubais would be stripped of his main portfolio.

that of Finance Minister.
The job goes to Mikhail
Zadornov, the liberal chairman of the parliamentary budget committee. in a gesture intended to placate the State Duma, the lower house of parliament, which had threatened to block the budget unless Mr Chubais were sacked. "I have asked the Duma deputies and Speaker Gennadi Seleznyov to pass the budger and bring this matter

The removal of young reformers strengthens the hand of the Prime Minister, Richard Beeston writes

The move is a serious blow to Mr Chubais, 42, one of Russia's most talented politicians. the architect of the privatisabrains behind Mr Yeltsin's reelection last year. His down-fall began last week when it was revealed that he and four members of his team had received an advance payment of \$450,000 (£265,000) for a still unwritten book about privatisation in Russia.

The publisher is owned by a leading banking group that has won several controversial privatisation bids.

Associates of Mr Chubais, including Maksim Boiko, the former Privatisation Minister, were sacked at the weekend, and the repercussions have extended far and wide. The Kremlin announced yesterday

Deputy Prime Minister, who is not involved in the scandal but is allied to Mr Chubais, was also losing his portfolio as Energy Minister, which goes

to Sergei Kiryenko, his

deputy.

Despite the purge, it was not clear yesterday whether the reshufile would be enough to satisfy the opposition-led Duma The Communist Party, the largest faction, again threatened to undermine the Government by blocking the 1998 budget, which is to have its first reading next month. The party is also likely to try to squeeze yet further concessions out of Mr Yeltsin before

But the President will have to careful about taking further steps against his reformers. In the eyes of many Western

technocrats were regarded as the best guarantee that eco-nomic reforms would be pushed through in the last three years of Mr Yeltsin's presidency.

The clear winner from the

Chernomyrdin, who has risen above the fray and has emerged yet again as a pillar of stability amid the political

Although long regarded as too uncharismatic to succeed Mr Yeltsin, the unflappable Prime Minister has seen his popularity rise as younger, less experienced, politicians pull each other to pieces in public power struggles.

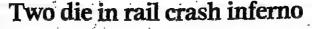
"Everyone seems to have decided that everything is changing, everything is bad, and that the departure of one or two persons means a catastrophe. Nothing of the sort," Mr Chernomyrdin declared. "Whatever the changes in the Government, there will

never be a change in its policy

as long as its chairman Cher-

nomyrdin is there," he added.

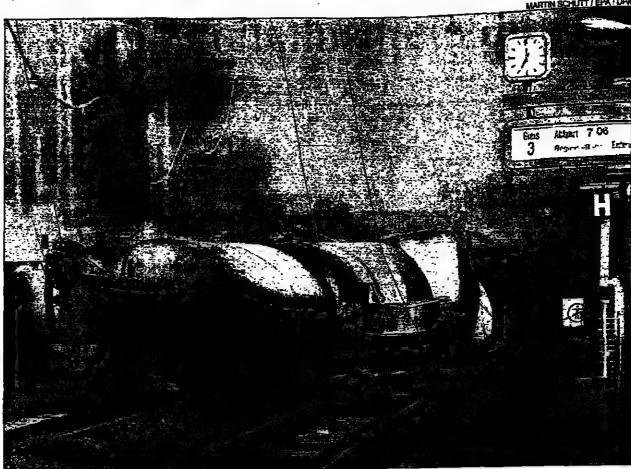
Rail tanker wagons full of petrol lie burning on a track after a freight train derailed and exploded yesterday on its way through Eisterwerda



firefighters were killed and several rescue workers in-

stroyed one of its buildings. No members of the public were reported hurt, but a

of cars and bicycles parked Police ordered hundreds of residents in the town to evacuate. The cause of the accident was investigation. (AP)



### station in Brandenburg, northeastern Germany. Polly. Two of the carriages burst into flames, which spread to EU states poised to sign pact

FROM CHARLES BREMNER AND ANDREW PIERCE IN LUXEMBOURG

on curbing unemployment

BRITAIN and its EU partners will commit themselves today to a Maastricht-style pact on special summit that opened amid rival claims from the left-wing Governments of France and Britain that Europe was espousing their model for reform.

As Tony Blair flew into Luxembourg last night, 20,000 demonstrators, mainly from France and Belgium, reminded the battalions of dignitaries that the EU's 18 million jobless expected more than words from the summit. the first such session devoted entirely to employment. Mr Blair and his 14 EU

colleagues are to endorse a set of modest job-promoting guidelines that reflects an emerging European consenunemployment in the big continental states. Jean-Claude Juncker, the Luxembourg Prime Minister, said the plan had good prospects because it was modelled on the Maastricht treaty's successful system of mutual monitoring in economic performance.

The Prime Minister said on arriving in Luxembourg that he was confident the summit would formulate policies that would conform with Britain's vision for reducing unemployment. Mr Blair, without naming the French, predicted that there would be overwhelming resistance to any moves to-wards old-fashioned reflation policies. "I believe we will see a shift away from the old ideas about how we create jobs. We will focus on education and

skills and making people

be a big step forward and it will leave some of the old ideas

At the opening of the summit last night Mr Blair was joined by Romano Prodi and Goran Persson, the Italian and Swedish Prime Ministers, in a joint call to their colleagues to "give a clear message to the governments and peoples of Europe that job creation depends on promoting the competitiveness of enterprises and the employability of the workforce."

The employment guidelines pledge Europe in general terms to more flexibility in labour markets and welfare reform and towards lowertaxes: They also contain provisions for state-backed training schemes and negotiations between managements and

# **Briton tells** of Bosnia massacre

The Hague A British peace-keeper yesterday described the horrific aftermath of a massacre in the mostly Mus-Bosnia, in April 1993.

In testimony to the Interna-tional Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, Ser-geant Andre Kujawinski of the Cheshire Regiment spoke of burnt-out houses, corpses of women and children scattered in fields, and the body of a father cradling his lifeless son. He had been sent there to recover a broken-down United Nations truck.

General Tihomir Blaskic 37, a Bosnian Croat, has pleaded not guilty to 20 war crimes charges, including the slaughter of at least 100 Muslims, allegedly committed by from May 1992 to January





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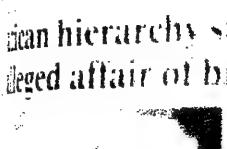
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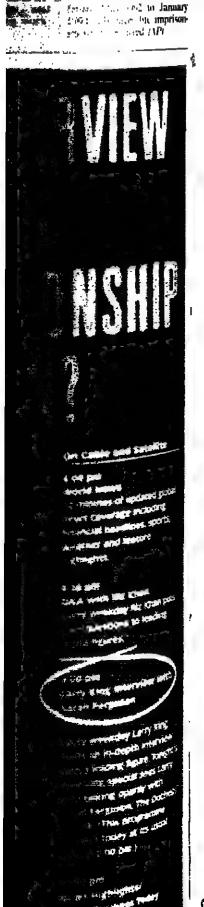


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# Christina 'coronary' scorned by Onassis trustees

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

THE death nine years ago of Christina Onassis, mother of the present heiress to the £500m Onassis fortune, remains a mystery, the trustees

of the money allege.
In yesterday's issue of Ta
Nea, the Athens daily, Stelios
Papadimitriou, the Onassis Foundation president, said he never believed the official report that a heart attack killed Christina, then 37, in November 1988 in a Buenos Aires flat. He stopped short of suggesting, but managed to convey the impression, that foul play could have been involved." The statement was the latest

shot in a war of words between the foundation and Thierry Roussel, Christina's widower and the father of her child, 12-year-old Athena sole heiress to the Onassis fortune. The foundation administers the inheritance but will have to relinquish control to Athena when she comes of

age. It fears that her father could then manipulate his daughter and her money for

his own purposes.

Months before her death,
Christina had suspected Mr Roussel's motive and altered her will. Mr Papadimitriou said that she had told him: "If anything happens to me, Roussel will be the child's guardian, I don't want him. I'll keep him out of it." In a handwritten letter then to Mr Papadimitriou, copies of which were made public last year, Christina plainly sus-pects that Mr Roussel is eyeing the fortune. Shortly after the will was drawn up and put in a safe deposit box in

Athens, Christina was dead. The foundation has always doubted that the cause of her death was a heart attack or pulminary oedema, as the coroner's report said. "Christina's heart was fine, and the



Thierry Roussel, left, at the 1988 burial service on Skorpios for his former wife; and Christina Onassis in 1988 with daughter Athena, then three

itriou was quoted as saying in Ta Nea. It was stronger than that of a bull. Her death to me remains a mystery."

Earlier this month, Mr Roussel accused the foundation of employing Israeli agents to try to kidnap Athena. At first it issued a half-hearted

was arrested in Italy, claiming to have been in the pay of a Greek interest, Mr Papadimitriou admitted employing Israelis, but only to keep watch on Mr Roussel's activities. The foundation insists that the Frenchman, portrayed in the Greek media as a spendthrift playboy, is out to get his

daughter's fortune for himself. Mr Roussel has levelled an almost identical allegation against the foundation.

In recent years, the foundation has awarded prestige prizes to world personalities for achievements in the arts and sciences. Ceremonies are held each spring in the mod-

ernist Megaron concert hall in Athens with great fanfare. Among recent recipients have been the late Lord Stockton, formerly Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, and Ted Turner, founder and chief

executive of CNN. In the past two years, however, the foundation has fo-

taken up the cry. The real battle won't begin until 2003", Ta Nea said. referring to when Athena

cused nationalist ire on Mr

Roussel, whom it accuses of

trying to "furn Athena away

from her Greek roots". The

Greek media have eagerly

# Critical hours for the Iowa septuplets

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

DOCTORS who delivered the world's only living set of septuplets said yesterday that the babies' weight at birth and the time they spent in the womb indicated a very good prognosis for their survival.

Speaking of the septuplets who were born on Wednesday to Bobbiand Kenneth McCaughey of Carlisle, Iowa, Dr Paula Mahone, who was at the birth, said: "The size of the babies is wonderful. Each weighs in a normal range for babies this age, which is virtually unheard of in a multiple pregnancy," The ba-bies' condition is serious, which is normal after multiple births, but the next 48 hours hold the key to their survival.

The risks of medical complications are highest immediately after birth, with respiratory problems posing the greatest risk. The babies are receiving a preparation. known as a surfactant, to improve their lung function. Their bowels and livers are not yet sufficiently formed to deal with food.

With seven infants, the hospital bill alone could reach \$1.25 million (£780,000), Although the McCaugheys have medical insurance, it is not yet certain it will cover that sum. Their local church has set up a fund. Mrs McCaughey had been on a fertility drug. She was in the thirty-first week of her pregnancy.

# Vatican hierarchy stunned by alleged affair of bishop, 75

FROM RICHARD OWEN

A SENIOR Italian Roman Catholic bishop with strong links to the Vatican yesterday denied allegations that he had kept a mistress for the past 20 years. But Oggi magazine, which published the allegation, sald it had "concrete proof", including tape recordings of "erotic telephone conversations" between Bishop Alberto Abiondi, 75, and his who had admitted the

The case has stunned the Roman Catholic hierarchy and caused shock waves in the Church at a time when the Vatican is under growing pressure from liberals to ease its ban on married priests. The "Livorno scandal" is the closest the issue has come to the Pope and the Vatican. Mgr Ablondi, a bishop for 31 years, is second in command of the Italian Bishops Conference, and has often been seen at the

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Ablandi: denies having affair lasting 20 years

side of the Pope. Signoral Magrini, a former married teacher with a 29-year-old. daughter, said her "forbidden but all-consuming affair with the bishop had begun in 1977, shortly after she separated

from her husband. She was then 33, and the bishop was 55. She said she had appreached the bishop's office to

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zine. When she met the bishop, they both experienced an instant attraction, like a bolt of lightning", Signora

Magrini told Oggi.
She said the relationship remained platonic for several months, until at the beginning of 1978 "the unthinkable happened at the bishop's desk", and they embraced for the first time. She said she had been forced to speak out because otherwise the transcripts of have been published.

Mgr Blondi said in Livorno that Signora Magrini's version of events was "pure fantasy". The bishop said: "I know that woman very well. and I have already forgiven her. She liked to confide in me, but I kept a polite distance. I

Oggi insisted that it had checked and double-checked Signora Magrini's account of their assignations, and found

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# Arms team resumes hunt

ryan Baxter, from Hitchin. Hertfordshire, one of more than 70 inspectors expelled from Iraq, waiting in Bahrain for news

THE assortment of civil servants, scientists, soldiers and former spies who work for the United Nations Special Commission on Iraq will today resume their hunt for President Saddam Hussein's suspected arsenal of weapons of mass destruction.

The commission, known as Unscom, was established by the Security Council at the end of the Gulf War in 1991 in what one inspector describes as an attempt to "occupy Iraq by remote control" after the failure of allied forces to oust Saddam. Its inspectors are charged with ridding Iraq of all its chemical and biological weapons, as well as ballistic missiles with a range of more than 90 miles, then monitoring its factories, laboratories and military installations to ensure that Baghdad does not try to rebuild its stockpile.

The commission is regarded as the most effective organ of the UN and is one of the organisation's rare success stories. Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, last week praised it for having eliminated more fragi weapons than the entire allied bomb-ing blitz during the Gulf War. Since then, the UN inspectorate has destroyed some 36,000 chemical bombs and artillery shells and 690 tonnes of chemical warfare agents, blown up a secret biological warfare plant in the Iraqi desert, and accounted for 817 of

the 819 Scud missiles in Iraq.
Iraq has accused Unscom of being a
den of American spies. Although multicultural, the commission is dependent on American expertise and

Inspectors who have

"occupied Iraq by remote control" are a rare UN success James Bone writes

intelligence. Unscom uses an Ameri-can U2 spy plane for surveillance missions over Iraq, sends samples taken from Iraqi weapons plants to US military laboratories for analysis and even receives aerial photographs from American spy satellites. The deputy chairman of Unscom has always been an American and the United States provides more weapons experts than any other country.

Despite Baghdad's complaints, how-

ever, Russia and France have also made a crucial contribution. Unscom's missile investigation has been run by a former KGB man, Nikita Smidovic, and a French lawyer named Annick Paul-Henriot played a key role in uncovering Iraq's biological

Since the Gulf War, UN inspectors have intercepted Iraqi-bound missile parts in Jordan and fished sophisticated missile-guidance gyroscopes out of the Tigris. Officials told the Security Council this week that it had evidence

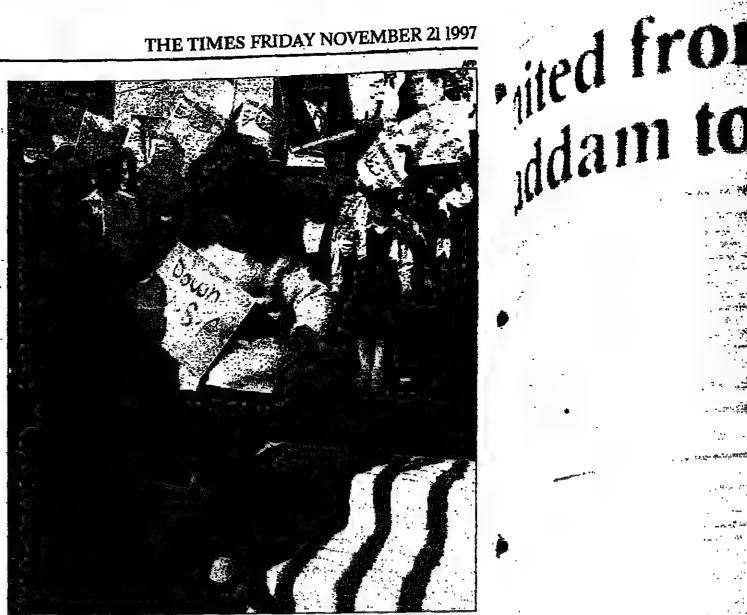
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effort to develop long-range missiles. Last spring a UN team led by Terry Taylor, a British inspector, found documents about Ricin, the lethal toxin used to kill the Bulgarian dissident Georgi Markov in London in 1978, in the university office of a scientist connected to Baghdad's biological warfare effort. The search is now focusing on Iraq's biological weapon-ry, its remaining stock of VX nerve gas, and its possible production of home-grown Scud missiles.

Inspectors say that four organ-isations — the Mukhabarat intelligence service, the Special Security Organisation, the Special Republican Guard, and the Office of the President have developed a system of early warning and rapid reaction to UN searches. Some suspect that Iraq is moving its stockpile of anthrax around the country in refrigerated forries to At Russia's urging, the 21 commis-

sioners who act as an advisory council for the Unscom inspectors are due to meet in New York today to consider Iraq's complaints. The commissioners may decide that the inspectors should shift their emphasis in such areas as chemical weapons and ballistic missiles away from spot inspections towards long-term monitoring, which involved less confrontational visits to pre-identified sites. Any move to lessen the weapons inspectorate's power will be resisted, however, by Britain and the United States as well as by its



An Iraqi girl treads on the Stars and Stripes in a Baghdad protest yest

# Dictator talks of victory as Arabs express relief

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

WITH an Iron grip on Iraq's propaganda machine, Presi-dent Saddam Hussein had little difficulty yesterday presenting his climbdown over weapons inspections as a major victory while the Arab world breathed a collective sigh of relief that a military showdows had been averted.

Many in the region saw it as the first time in a crisis that the Iraqi dictator, who has a record of making catastrophic miscalculations, had listened to reason and emerged with some gains. However, few doubted that it

The Iraqi me

for Saddam's wisdom and di-Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, confirmed

British and American claims that no "specific commit-ments" had been made under a Russian proposal that defused the three-week standoff. Moscow had, however, promised to work for a "just and fair diplomatic solution", he said. American weapons inspectors would be allowed to return because Iraq believed that Russia was sincere in its pledge to lobby for the lifting of sanctions, the state-run Iraqi news agency said. "The

they could do nothing to help him unless he let the Ameri cans back in. To listen to reason is a very big step given his track record. "a Gulf Arab diplomat said. For its domes tic audience, Iraq claimed it had well for heart.

Whatever the details, diplomats said Saidsan had lost won sympathy for trace

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position that serictions should be lifted "without any additional conditions" if he comes clean on his weapons of mass destruction. Washington had insisted the oil embargo would remain while Saddam was in power. And he has boistered relations with Russia by enabling Moscow to pull off a spectacular diplomatic coup. The danger is that Saddam

clearly expects more and could overplay his hand. "This is the first step toward lifting the sanctions," a senior iraqi parliamentarian said.

# Jewish students shot in Jerusalem ambush

tremists shot dead one Jewish religious student and seriously wounded another in the winding alleys of Jerusalem's Old City early yesterday (Christopher Walker writes).

The ambush was a severe new blow to faltering American efforts to revive the Middle East peace process. It led to an immediate Israeli decision to boost its security presence in the mainly Arab Muslim Quarter of the Old City and to: build a permanent new police

post there. Both victims - one aged 26 and the other 18 were students at the Jewish seminary of Ataret Cohanim. a right-wing group dedicated to settling lews in the Muslim Quarter and other parts of mainly Arab east Jerusalem which the Palestmans claim as the eventual capital of a future Palestinian State. They were ambushed under cover of darkness as they walked without an armed goard from the seminary to

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# United front forces Saddam to retreat

AMERICAN and British might and Russian diplomacy finally forced Saddam Hussein to back down yesterday. Faced with a united front by the Security Council, the Iraqi leader agreed to allow all the United Nations weapons inspectors, including the Ameri-

cans, to return to Iraq today. However, world leaders called for continuing vigilance over Saddam after the midnight agreement in Geneva by the five permanent members of the Security Council.

President Clinton said that

the United States was resolute in its determination to prevent lraq threatening its neigh-bours with nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. The Pentagon last night disparched an expeditionary force of 32 warplanes, includ-ing Fl6 and Fl5 fighters, Bl long-range bombers and refuelling planes, to maintain military pressure on Saddam. Sandy Berger, the US National Security Adviser, said

that he expected U2 spy air-

craft to continue their flights over Iraq. Mr Clinton said that Saddam must comply unconditionally with the will of the international community. America would "wait and see whether he does in fact

comply".

Robin Cook, the Foreign
Secretary, flew to Luxembourg after chairing the meet-

come," Mr. Cook said. He insisted that no deal had been struck with Saddam. "He has not won any compromise. There are no concessions. There is no deal. There is no commitment on the part of the United Nations permanent five to lift those sanctions." Yesterday George Robert-

6 He has not won any compromise. There are no concessions ... no commitment ... to lift sanctions 9

ing in the UN building involv-ing Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, Yevgeni Primakov and Hubert Vedrine, the Russian and French Foreign Ministers, and a Chinese representative. Mr Cook called for continued international vigilance over weapons of mass destruction.

"Nobody is complacent, This is an issue which is going,

announced that RAF Harrier GR7s would still be deployed to join HMS Invincible in Gibraltar. The Harriers will leave this morning from RAF Wittering, Cambridgeshire, Ms Albright called Iraq's

climbdown "a step in the right direction". She said that Saddam had reversed course in his confrontation with the UN.

do their work unconditionally. The United States had not agreed to any conditions about banning U2 spy flights or inspections of Saddam's pal-aces. Russia insisted that the agreement was "only a first step" in defusing the crisis, adding that it would lobby to

end UN sanctions.

Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy
Prime Minister, said that it
was time for a diplomatic solution. Speaking in Cairo on his return from Russia, he said that he made no deal and again called the inspection teams unbalanced.

At the heart of the agreement lie two important gains for Baghdad: a clear hint that the number of American weapons inspectors will be reduced; and an expansion of the UN oil-for-food plan so Iraq can buy a wider range of

A preliminary draft of a UN report on the oil sales says the \$1.32 billion raised for human-



Madeleine Albright and Robin Cook at a UN press conference yesterday after Geneva talks on the Iraq crisis

months was insufficient to buy food and medicine. "UN observers continue to report towards the UN as a result of the erratic arrival of foodstuffs itarian supplies in the past six as well as complaints about

the quality of some foodstuffs, the continuing shortage of medicines, education supplies and electricity," the report says. Rations fed many families for only two to three weeks a month. In water,

sanitation, electricity, agriculture and education, only 5 to 10 per cent of the immediate

needs are being met. The Security Council must decide by December 7 whether

blocking UN weapons inspections, the council is likely simply to roll over the current scheme in its existing form.

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# Tehran deal to help with Libyan missile

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEPENCE CORRESPONDENT

IRAN is suspected of negotiating a secret deal to help Libya to develop a ballistic missile with a range of more than 1,250 miles, posing a threat to Southern and Central Europe as well as North Africa.

both countries' missile industries and defence ministries since the beginning of the summer, a memorandum of understanding is believed to have been signed which will significantly expand franian missile aid to Libya.

At present the Libyans have an arsenal of short-range and medium-range missiles and rockets powered by liquid or solid fuel, as well as Scud B, Scud 'C and SS21 missile systems. Western intelligence sources said Libya was already at an advanced stage in the production of a longer-

range missile, part of the al-Fatah project to develop a sur-face-to-surface ballistic wea-pon with a range of more than 600 miles by 2000.

The intelligence assessment

is that Tehran would supply After meetings between set the Libyans with surface-toogy. This would lead to a weapon with a range of more than 800 miles and a 1,650lb warhead in the first phase and an advanced system with a range of more than 1,250 miles and a warhead of 2,200lb at a later stage.

It is believed the new agree ment will also involve building a plant in Libya to make fuels and fuel components for

ballistic missiles. There are reports that Iranian instructors have also begun training courses in Libya on missile navigation and Visit a Tiny Showroom this Christmas and you'll feel more at home.

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# Raid on jail by Hutu extremists leaves 300 dead

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 300 people were killed when about 1,500 Hutu extremists attacked a Rwandan jail in an attempt to free hundreds of prisoners awaiting trial on genocide charges.

The dead at Giciye prison in the northwest of Rwanda included 200 Hutu attackers, 88 prisoners, and two soldiers. Fighting between the Rwandan Army and the Hutus continued into Wednesday night, the army said. Ninety-three prisoners escaped, and were being hunted yesterday by army scouts, who were also hoping to find the main campused by the rebels.

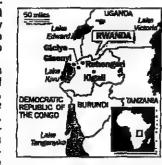
The attack on Monday was

the biggest operation carried out by the Hutu extremists, known as the Interahamwe ("those who kill together"), since most Hutu refugees returned to Rwanda two years ago. It was part of a well-honed strategy to finish off the Tutsis and retake control.

Documents abandoned by the Interahamwe fleeing Tutsi attacks on refugee camps inside the neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo (then Zaire) showed that the Hutu extremist leadership had been planning to retake Rwanda from the Tutsis. They had also been plotting to free senior members of the inner circle of mass murderers from cells

where they are being held in Arusha, Tanzania, awaiting United Nations war crimes tribunals.

The Hutu generals and political leaders, who are now based in the Central African Republic, France, Belgium and Kenya, trained Internhamwe killers in infiltration and sabotage techniques, including bomb-making, communications and disguise.



Their campaign to make Rwanda ungovernable since their "refugee" camps were closed in November 1996 and 850,000 Hutus returned home has gathered momentum and driven most Tutsis from their smallholdings into camps guarded by soldiers against Interghamme attacks.

Interahamwe attacks.

Most badly hit has been the northwest of Rwanda, where insurgents use the cover of

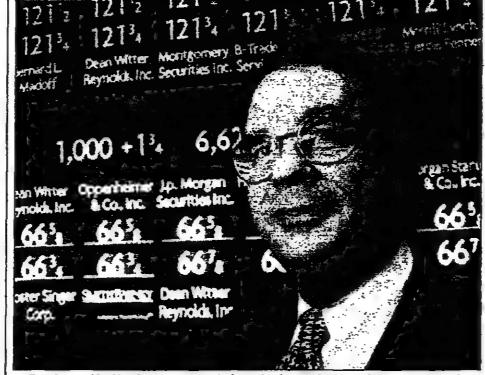
dense jungle to sneak into the country from secret camps in Congo. But the Interahamwe also relies heavily on the support of ordinary Hutus, who used machetes and clubs to slaughter their neighbours

in the 1994 genocide.

The only real enemy of the Interahamwe in the mountains of Rwanda are passing patrols of government troops. The size of Monday's attack is a clear sign that the Interahamwe has gained ground and confidence.

Richard Sizibera, the Rwandan army spokesman, said:
"The strategy is to complete the genocide. Who else is better placed to help the rebels than people accused of carrying out the genocide in the first place?" But the attack on the prison at Giciye has also exposed the weakness of the Rwandan Army in defence.

Born as a guerrilla movement when, as the Tutsidominated Rwandan Patriotic Front, it invaded Rwanda from Uganda in 1990, the Rwandan Army made a huge contribution to overthrowing Mobutu Sese Seko in Zaire. Back home, the former Patriotic Front guerrillas have had to defend fixed positions and have often found themselves the victims of bush fighting strategies they perfected.



Prankster Alfred Berkeley, now head of the Nasdaq stock market index in New York

# Light shed on midnight cowboy

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

ONE OF the students who famously put a live Black Angus cow on the dome at the University of Virginia yesterday paid penance for a prank which has kept alumni at Thomas Jefferson's august establishment guessing for 32

Alfred Berkeley III. president of the Nasdaq stock market index in Washington, finally admitted that he had placed the cow on the dome of the university's famous Rotunda on May 5, 1965, an act which became as oriebrated among students as the achievements of the college



Scene of the crime

founder. Recent histories of the university have never failed to mention the spring morning when the 250lb heifer was discovered 50ft above the courtyards in Charlottesville, was drugged with valium and eventually descended via the building's spiral staircase. The prank turned sour when the cow died from the tranquilliser hours later. Hundreds of letters from animal rights activists arrived at the university president's office and George Bailey, the local Albemarle County sher-

iff, launched an investigation.

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That inquiry came to a close after news of Mr Berkeley's exploits filtered through the alumni magazine yesterday. He had been goaded into presenting a mea culpa at an alumni dinner by one of four students who belped him to achieve the stunt.

"A classmate of mine came over to me at the dinner table and said, "If you don't tell the story, I will"," Mr Berkeley said. "I had no intention of owning up until he said that."

owning up until he said that."
Mr Berkeley is no longer proud of the escapade and, to ease his conscience, has paid \$1.755 (£1,096) to the former sheriff to cover the original costs of the investigation, a sum Mr Bailey has now donated to a local animal rescue squad.

rescue squad.

The plot was hatched with the help of his four colleagues, one of whom was able to procure the cow from his lather's farm. Another, the son of a locksmith, was prepared to break into the

"The plan was that we would get the cow up on top of the Rotunda and then we were going to leave it there," he said. "I wish I could say there was a higher moral purpose, but it was just a prank." Under the university honour code, neither stealing nor lying is permitted and Mr Berkeley said he would have admitted the act had he ever been asked before.

The Rotunda has often been a target for such capers—the Confederacy flag was flown from the roof to commemorate the Civil War in 1961 and the faces of Mickey Mouse and Spiro Agnew, the former vice-president, have appeared on the clock.

# WORLD IN BRIEF

# New inquiry into journalist's death

The Court of Appeal in Santiago has ordered a new police investigation into the death of a British journalist who was found hanging by his shirt in a hotel cupboard in the Chilean capital in March 1990 (Michael Evans writes). Jonathan Moyle, a former helicopter pilot who became a journalist, had been inquiring into the sale to Iraq of 50 Bell helicopters and investigating allegations that Chile had obtained secret technology relating to a mine system.

A judge ruled in September 1991 that Mr Moyle, 28, had not committed suicide but had been murdered. However, he said there was insufficient evidence to identify the culprits and closed the case. The Foreign Office said yesterday that the Santiago court had now ordered the investigation after an appeal from a local lawyer acting for the journalist's family.

# Somalia flooding spreads

Nairobi: Flooding in Somalia spread to the north yesterday and torrential rain continued to pound neighbouring Kenya, where President Moi declared three areas disaster zones. In eastern Ethiopia, unofficial reports put the number of dead at 295, with 65,000 people displaced, more than 4,000 houses destroyed and 12,000 animals drowned.

In southern Somalia, where many of the airstrips are under water, aid pilots were putting their light aircraft down on roads. The number of confirmed deaths in Somalia since the Juba River burst its banks on October 18 had risen to 1,277, but that figure did not include deaths in the north, nor the casualties in isolated villages. (AFP)

# **Proust lobbied for prize**

Paris: A letter written by Marcel Proust, right, in 1919 and published this week reveals the French novelist broke a cardinal rule of literary competition by lobbying the head of the Academie Française in an attempt to secure its Grand Literature prize (Ben Macintyre writes). His A Pombre des jeunes filles en fleurs, second volume of A la recherche du temps perdu, failed to win, but did take the year's equally distinguished Prix Goncourt.



# Girl found shut in dog cage

Chilton, Wisconsia: An American girl aged seven was discovered shut in a wire dog cage in a cold, dark basement, when her II-year-old brother, coatless and barefoot, went to a police station for help, authorities said. The girl's father, Michael Rogers, could be sentenced to up to 80 years in prison if convicted on eight charges of physical and mental abuse of the family's four children. Her mother, Angeline, faces up to 55 years on eight counts. Investigators found the girl in a 24in-by-17in wire cage. She was thin but otherwise healthy. She and her siblings are with relatives (AP)

### **Assassination confirmed**

Pavia: After 35 years of investigation into the death of Enrico Mattei, president of Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi, the Italian energy and gas group, judicial officials announced that he was killed when a bomb blew up his aircraft. The authorities had previously insisted that the plane had crashed in August, press reports said investigators knew this to be false. In 1994, Tommaso Buscetta, a Maffa supergrass, said Mattei had been assassinated to protect US oil interests. (AFP)

# Eta halts prison action

Bilber: The Eta Basque guerrilla group announced that it had suspended all actions which it had planned to carry out on behalf of comrades in Spanish jails. It said that it was halting its "prison campaign", which has included hunger strikes and other forms of protest in jails. Leading Basque politicians said it was a signal that Eta would stop attacking prison officials. (Reuter)

# Euthanasia pill promised

Darwin: Doctors in the United States, Canada and Australia are close to unveiling a simple, painless, do-it-yourself euthanasia pill that aims to bypass anti-suicide laws, said Dr Philip Nitschke, who came to international attention as the doctor who helped four people to die using the world's first euthanasia law in Australia. (AP)

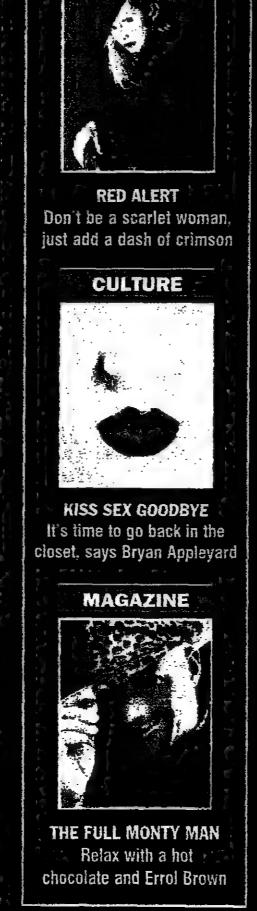
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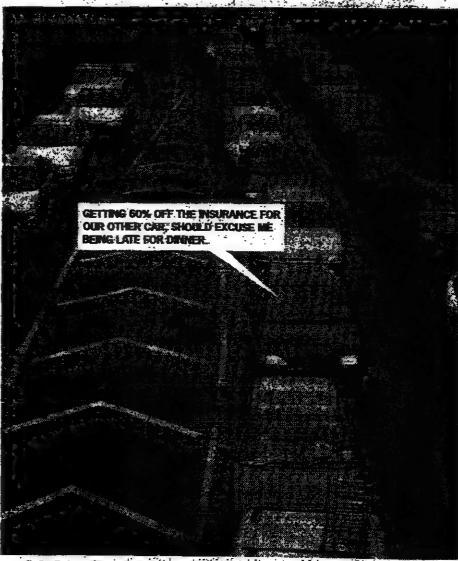
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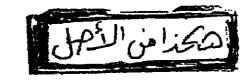




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# On Her Majesty's service

As the Queen celebrates her golden wedding anniversary, Ivor Spencer tells the secrets of a royal banquet. Interview by Eve-Ann Prentice

e comes from a working-class home in the East End and used to stand, urchin-like, as a nineyear-old outside the Savoy Hotel in London, gazing in awe at the toffs coming and going. Now, Bill Clinton sends him monogrammed cufflinks, the Royal Family calls him by his Christian name, Arab princes like to boast to him of their wealth, and Downing Street sends him thank-you

At 73 he has just won a place in Who's Who, yet the reason he is held in high esteem by some of the world's wealthiest men and women is because he has made an art of beingunobtrusive. He is Ivor Spencer, butler to generations of the mega-rich and the man who

has helped to launch a thousand royal banquets. As The Oueen

and Duke of Edinburgh celebrated their golden wedding anninight, Mr Spencer was toastmaster and master of ceremonies at a charity ball in their honour

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at the Imperial War Museum. Half the Royal Family knows me as Ivor," says the punctiliously attentive Mr Spencer. "Prince Charles once called me rude and the Princess of Wales said I was a snob - but they were joking."

Ivor Spencer

The man who now runs an international school for butlers and personal assistants and is planning one of the expensive finishing schools known to millionaires never forgets his roots. While other boys from Bethnal Green played football, young Ivor made his way to the Strand to press his face against the Savoy window and wonder at the wealth within. Eventually, the doorman took pity on him and ushered him inside to meet other staff at the

tea served by a later generation of hotel employee. He explains the secret of his success, and how in this changing world he now trains some butlers to double as bodyguards.

At last night's anniversary banquet, the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh would not have eaten prawn cocktail, says Mr Spencer, not because of the dish's common status, but because of its poison potential. They never eat shellfish

because if you get food poisoning from them it is possible to die," he says. The royals normally like things to be fairly low key, with napkins simply folded in three and laid on a plate or the table, not upright like bishops' hats.
The Queen and Duke also

very rarely sit next to one another. More often they sit opposite one another or even at either end of the table. The less fuss there is, the better." And do they use food-tasters? "No," says Mr Spencer, "The one person I do remember using a food-taster was Michael Jackson. I myself never eat the banquet food; I take Marks & Spencer's sandwiches with me because I would be far too fat if I ate all that rich food."

Mr Spencer plans to branch

out next year and teach the rich about how to comport their lives with style and panache. He charge W1]] £77,500 E77,500) per person to take the 18-25year-old offspring of the wealthy under

the world's best hotels, how to entertain; and how to engage and manage staff.

The Ivor Spencer International School for Butler Administrators/Personal Assistants, based in Dulwich, South-East London, has trained 125 butlers since it opened, 24 of whom also act as bodyguards for their employers. These armed attendants obey the gun laws of the land in which they work, says Mr Spencer, but generally are allowed to carry guns inside and in some places, Italy for instance, outside as well.

as butters then go on to learn machineguns and small arms. We have ex-SAS people to train them and former CIA-Six decades later, wearing a and FBI people in America. If hand-made shirt, he is back at they are serving dinner, you in their jacket when they bend forward. If they go shopping with Madam, they always stand with their backs to the shop window while she is looking through the window, to protect her. And they make sure their employer varies the time and route he is driven to work to avoid any pattern being picked up by kidnappers or terrorists."

The Dulwich school has. provided butlers for the Duke and Duchess of York, the



The Queen at the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of VE Day, one of a thousand royal banquets for Ivor Spencer

# We do love the Beatles

Philip Delves Broughton on a very modern monarch

ince becoming Prime Minister, Tony Blair has spent more time with the Royal Family than anyone thought he would, for obvious reasons. Now, however, is perhaps the time to stop. At the People's Banquet yesterday, after the People's Prime Minister had talked about the People's Queen, telling her somewhat superfluously. you are, simply, the best of British", it was acutely obvious that the People's Queen had far more of the People's Touch, the sort that no soundbites or spinmassaging could ever

John Major spoke of a country at ease with itself. Tony Blair is trying to make a country at ease with

an evolving image of itself dictated by his party. The at ease with herself and with her country and the feeling, on yesterday's evidence, is "Think

have would missed if we had never heard the Beatles," said the Queen. When the Beatles were at their height, the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were in their late thirties and early forties with teenage children. It is hard to imagine any modern parents of teenagers standing up 30 years on and saying: "Dammit, we were lucky with those Spice Girls." Then again, the Prince of Wales might. The Queen also asked

her audience to think what we would have missed had we not "seen Margot Fonteyn dance", more like it, "never watched television, used a mobile phone or surfed the Net - or to be honest, listened to others talking about surfing the

For the many who regard the Internet as little more than a parish for perverts and lonely souls. the news that the Queen is a non-surfer comes as a mighty relief. The idea of her rooted in front of a glowing screen while underwalked corgis linger beneath her skirts is too

It was undoubtedly her mother who persuaded the Queen to include hip replacements on the list of the triumphs of her reign. "It's changed my life, dear," the Queen Mother must have repeated to the point where the Queen replied: "Yes, all right, Mummy, 1'll men-

Though she talked of how "the mass media culture has transformed our lives... allowing us to

ieam about our felwould have thought possible", it could ton helped her to learn more about the

as the day she married him. The Queen clearly sees something in her husband that his many critics have missed. Her tribute to him was chokingly restrained: "He is someone who doesn't take easily to compliments but he has, quite simply, been my

strength and stay all these years, and I, and his whole family, and this and many other countries, owe him a debt greater than he would ever claim, or we shall ever The manner and language were very much of

tion, where love was declared through nuance rather than Wonderwall. Her final words, however, revealed once again that she is no stick-in-the-mud, with a crafty allusion to television news: "Philip." she said, "over to you."

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Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, King Hussein of Jordan, captains of industry, and film stars. As the very essence of Jeevesian discretion, however, Mr Spencer. never discusses his clients.

He charges students £3,255 for a six-week course in the demanding art of cossetting and smoothing the way for gentlefolk and many have gone on to some of the world's most exclusive hotels as well as working for royalty.

Butlers graduating from his school can expect to earn from around £28,000 a year plus food, accommodation, use of a car and private medical care. For this they may be up at 6am running baths and laying out clothes. "Should the lady of the house not have a personal maid, the butler will lay out madam's clothes, but only the topwear, says the school pro-spectus delicately. After a heavy day supervising shopping, menus, perhaps ordering shirts for his employer, serving dinner, the butler may still be serving his employer and friends at 2am.

On a note of caution, the prospectus says: "Visiting guests often want to know intimate details of family and business life. The private and business lives of his employers are never discussed by him with anyone, at any time."

"In the old days, butlers could be very pompous, but I want my butlers to be kind," says Mr Spencer. Practising what he preaches, he gave free courses to four young people from Liverpool's Toxteth area and two went on to work at Buckingham Palace. "I had to expel one boy for being pompous towards a boy from Liverpooi."

So how does he keep his immaculately-shod feet on the ground? "My wife," he says. There came a point when we could afford to keep one of the butlers we trained for ourselves, but she said it would be

too grand for us and what would the neighbours think!" Nonetheless, mingling with high society has had some effect on the Spencers, whose son, Nigel, 40, is also a butler. "I like Hermes ties, you get to know the good things in life; it just rubs off. I would rather

have one hand-made shirt than six off the peg. But I am never envious and I teach my students that it is no good being jealous. You find that people have usually worked hard for what they have.

t is mostly new money now. People employ us because it is a status symbol and because it gives them more time with

But having a man about the house to iron the newspaper and organise a dinner party isn't the answer to everyone's prayer. "We have had four lottery winners as clients and one lady, who won many millions, just didn't feel at ease having a butler. It didn't work out but she was very nice and paid him a year's wages when he left after about three

"On the other band, we had a butler who went with his lottery-winner employer to look at furniture in an antiques show room. The employer was ready to pay £18,000 for the item, but the butler urged him to wait and eventually purchased it for the employer for £3,000." Jeeves



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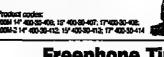
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# Why it's smart to enter the comfort zone



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Above centre: Ice blue zipup pocket cardigan, £159 by Joseph, 26 Sioane Street London SW1. 0171-590 6200. Grey-blue lace dress, £535 by Colette Dirinlgan at Harvey Nichols. Grey patent heals, £135 by Patrick Cox, 8 Symons Street SW3. 0171-730 6504.

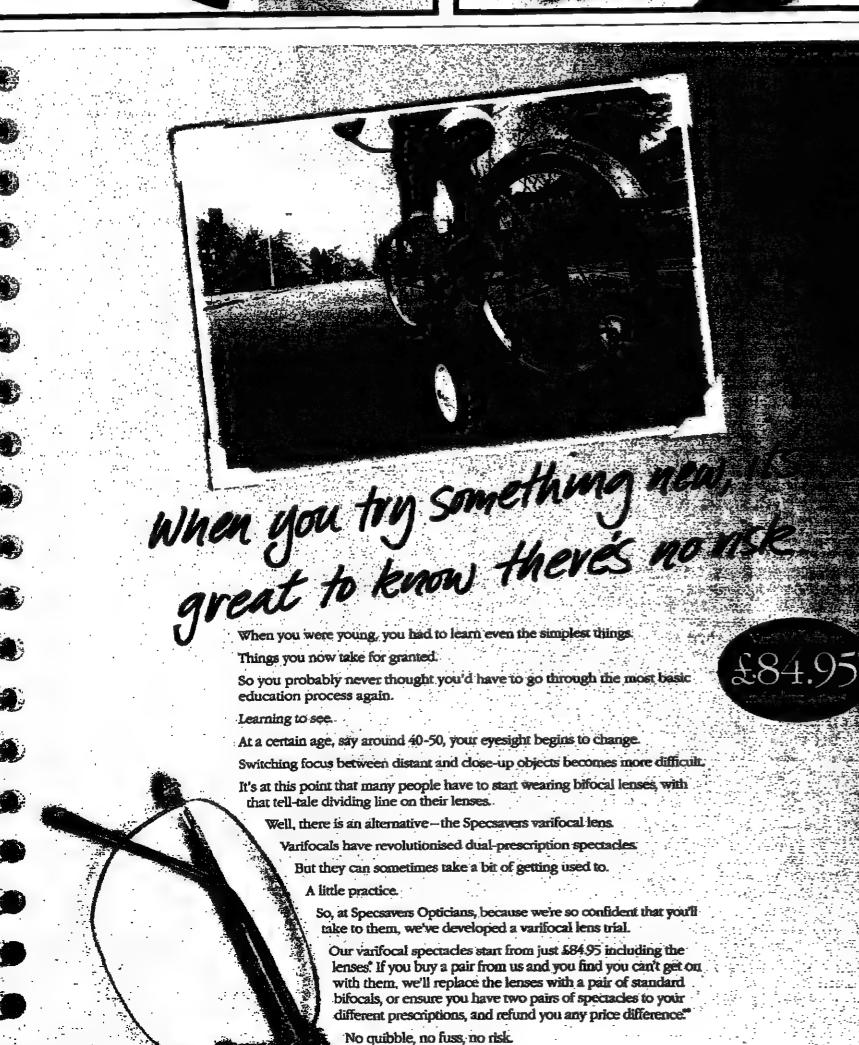
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# taken on a new and sexier image. Style Editor Grace Bradberry looks at the best in luxury sportswear





ver spent the day curled up on the sofa in a fleece and tracksuit bottoms, and thought that if only a day in the office could be this comfortable, you'd get a lot more done? The trouble with "feel good" clothes — the sort of soft, fleecy, loose fitting things we all owned and loved as children — is that they just aren't smart. At best they are casual, at worst they are scruffy.

muster in Sainsbury's. Expensively branded athletic gear will do - but how fraudulent one feels if the most exercise ever taken is the walk to the car. Likewise, the hardcore fleece. Should anyone with vertigo really step out of the door in a

Patagonia top? Now the Americans have come to our rescue. For some time now New York designers have been elevating jogging pants, sweat-shirts and fleeces from their comfy,

practical position as items of marginal fashion importance, into statements of chic and sexuality.

Marc Jacobs, the original grunge designer, now firmly committed to luxe, produces what the Americans call "hoodies" in "cashmink", a thoroughly decadent mixture of cashmere and mink in which only the fabulously wealthy would dare to perspire. Donna Karan's casual tops are similarly priced to intimi-date. Milan has followed the trend,

'Should anyone step out in a Patagonia top?

and this season Miuccia Prada showed roomy hooded tops in her mainline and sweatshirt-style knits

Entry to the comfort zone need not come at such an exorbitant price, however. Prada and Marc Jacobs might be the only sports-wear that could possibly "work" in the office, but there are plenty of chic alternatives that will at least get you through the weekend, Saturday night included. And as a

street uniform, the zipped top, whether fleecy, sweaty, or knitted,

is unbeatable. For those who really do

ski/paraglide/rock-climb, a heavyduty fleece has an authentic style of its own. Polartec does one that is made from "Post Consumer Recy-cled Fleece" (PCRF), which is produced from recycled plastic

If the Pepsi Max adverts are not based on your lifestyle, however, then why pretend? The luxurious sportswear of Martin Kidman, a young British designer, is certainly not intended to climb every mountain, but it looks very good against the backdrop of a restaurant for Sunday brunch.

The ultimate street labels of the moment are YMC and Duffer, but the usual suspects have all produced their own variants. Jigsaw. French Connection and Agnes b all

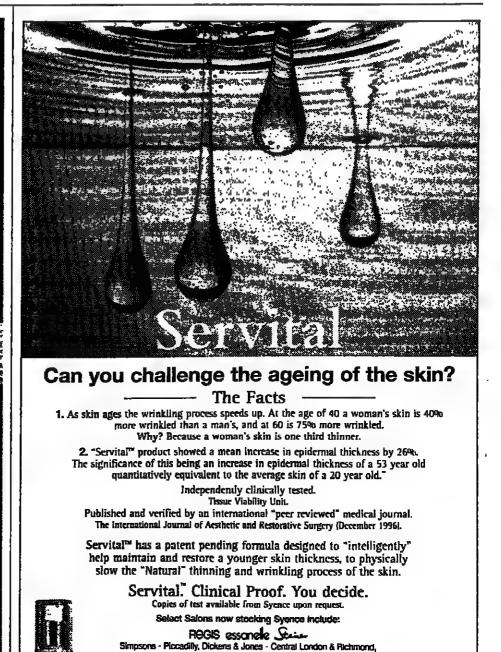
have fleecy bits and pieces. A final word of warning. Sweating in these clothes is not only unfashionable, it is also expensive: many of them are "dry clean only".



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# Among my golden souvenirs

Peter Stothard follows the

anniversary celebration trail

n this golden festival of informality the biggest problem for the lunchers at Guildhall was the polythene sheet in the middle of their menu. It was a foot long, nine inches wide, and sat underneath the cord between the food and drink list (baby lobster, Nutbourne Schonberger '96, swede purée and Bas Armagnac) and the list of toasts and brass band music.

To separate the still damp leaves of print, maybe, so that the French Beans were not smudged together with the Orchestra of the Scots Guards? To protect the City of London's guests from the rain that might otherwise soak them as they left? To be a cunning message of dissent from some packer in the City Corporation stores? Who

As the lunch went on, it became a little clearer what this new informality meant. There were no uniforms, except on the City's ceremonial corps of musket, drums and pipemen. There were no med-als or morning suits, no entry

The Duke's speech was warm and personal: and the Queen gazed fondly at her husband as he stumbled a little while making it. We all hip, hip hoorayed, some of us a little uncertain of the words. And everyone left looking happier than when they arri-ved, the intellectual leaders amongst them clutching their menus in the clear plastic bags that had been deliberately provided, tucked helpfully under the golden cord, to keep their souvenirs clean. Soon, every guest, even those who had drunk fully of the Pomerol, could be seen with their gilt-embossed mementoes pro-

tected from mud and rain. In the evening it was harder to tell what the audience made of the performance at the Royal Festival Hall. The offering on stage was a mixture of souvenir was plain blue card and cost £5. But this was not so much a variety show, varied though it surely was, as a distraction from the show that everyone really wanted to see: the comings and goings, smilings and frownings of the foreign royalty in the boxes at the back. In the corridors there was much disrespectful talk of the Hello! brigade. But there was much more demand to see how kings and queens looked and dressed and aged and presented their children when they were unlucky enough to live in countries other than

The event did not appeal to The Times reviewer. But then he was actually watching what the performers were doing one of very few to do so. For most of the audience even lan Holm as Polonius and Felicity Lott as Desdemona were like characters on the television screen in the house next door. We heard them in snatches. We knew more or less what was happening. But we were not too bothered with the finer

The man two rows in front of me offered a particularly fine brand of informality. He could have given a fair Royal Command performance him-self — as a circus contortionist

able to appreciate the London Philharmonic out of one eye while using the other for a grand tier tour of royal Danes and Bulgars.

At the end everyone hip, hip, hoorayed, this time with less business bashfulness and more showbiz pzazz. Two events down for the Queen and the Duke: three to go,

Westminster Abbey next morning was in a welcoming spirit — as though those many who had been there only two months ago for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, were keen to weigh that mem-ory against the joy of a

Sitting in Poets' Corner, a little closer to John Dryden than after Diana's death and a little farther from William Blake, I had almost exactly the same full view of the Prime Minister in his choir stall and the same fragmented, faintly disturbing view of crosses. candles, and everything else.

For the opening hymns all the pews around me seemed peopled by the tense, the neck-craning and the expectant. The only thing informal was their dress. The singing was a choirmaster's horror of entrances and lines ajumbled Across the aisle was Lady Jane

Fellowes, stoical and wry.
When the Free Church
Moderator, Dr Kathleen Richardson, spoke of our gratitude for Diana's life, there was a visible shudder as though two halves of a bridge had finally met in the middle of a river. There was a dabbing of eyes by some and a dull murmur by others. For the rest of the service the congregation found a new gusto, a completeness of

ven the dissonances seemed different now. In Poets' Corner our own singing barely improved: but we were close enough to hear the behind-the-screens blessing by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Queen and Duke while the choir sang to the Abbey as a whole from II Corinthians xiii. "Thus may they abide in union with each other and the Lord," the singers sang. "May God, who has given you 50 years together, of His infinite mercy con-

tinue to bless you and your union," spoke the Archbishop in a low voice. This was a pleasing counterpoint which faded into the grandeur of Vaughan Williams's Anthem, the deepest rumbling of drums and organ and the descent to the end of the morning.

For the Queen and Duke there were still a Prime Minis-

ter's lunch, at which the Queen had to put her informality into words, and a private ball at which she could behave as she liked. For this writer that was the Golden Wedding's finale. Outside the Abbey, after trampling over the stones of Henry James and D. H. Lawrence, the cele-brants streamed into the street, back to the House of Lords, out into limousines and off for a shopping afternoon. As far away as Victoria Street little groups could be identified by the deep cream Orders of Service in their hands souvenirs of the day in which the new order was endorsed.

There were a few drops of rain



# In love with llamas

Sunday. Unaware that they are to form the subject of a Times column, Llesley and Imp are grazing peacefully in my field in Derbyshire

as I write How do I know this? A daily telephone call from the flat here in London - "How are the llamas this morning?" - brings me the latest news. Both girls spent a peaceful night, moving of their own accord when it started to rain, from their chosen spot under the beech tree by the wall, to their shelter. They breakfasted at 9.30 on a little goatmixture. Liesley consented for the

first time to being stroked. Forgive the enthusiasm of a new llama-keeper. This has been an ambition of mine ever since I encountered these most beguiling of creatures on visits to the Andes.

Nobody who has met a llama can have failed to be struck by something quite singular about these animals. eyes, extravagant eyelashes; long, elegant neck; a soft and lustrous coat of many colours . . . the impression of a giant cuddly toy. Add to that an air of gentleness, and it is not hard to understand why travellers to South America bore their friends on return with rolls of film of llamas looking adoringly into the camera.

But there is something more. Like the horse, the llama seems to speak to you of thousands of years of close association with man. Other animals that we herd -- sheep, cattle, deer -seem somehow exterior: rounded up and penned; fed, protected and watered; more or less tolerant of us, more (or less) obedient, they show little interest in their masters beyond fear, greed and an occasional irritation at being constrained. We sense that they would probably rather we were not there.

But a llama is pleased you are there. Though by nature timid, she will drop what she is doing when she sees a human being and pick her way towards you, walking (as Thornton Wilder observed) like a lady delicately descending an endless staircase. She will then stand, just out of reach, with an expression which can only be described as one of total fascination. She is wholly absorbed in what you are doing. If you are with other people, she will stand just outside the circle of your acquaintances, her ears curled upward and quivering like two velvet question marks, listening intently, waiting to be drawn in.

Llesley and Imp are soft, docile and as happy in the Pennines as in the Andes

But she never quite speaks. One day I am sure she will. When she does, her language will probably be Quechua, the tongue of the Incas. The association between the llama (and her rather smaller and fluffier cousin, the alpaca) and the Indian tribes of the high plains of the Andes is an ancient one. A relation of the camel. the llama is a domesticated version of the smaller cannelids which still roam the wild places of the Andean mountainscape: guanacos and vicuña. These browner and more deerlike creatures are extremely shy and

rather rare, but I have seen them at a

distance, running desert of southwest

My resolution to Derbyshire with a couple of their domesticated relatives was made at some

16,000ft in the Bollvian Andes last summer. We had walked up from the forest over two days and were some miles short of the ridge, in uninhabited country, when an Indian boy loomed out of the mist and asked if we had seen a white llama on our travels. We had not. He explained that he had come from the other side of the ridge to fetch his family's herd. which had spent a few weeks grazing here. He had managed to find 11 of their 12 liamss, but a white one was

missing.
Bili (this was his name) decided to call off his search and accompany us, with his herd, over the ridge to his village: about six hours' walk. He had no dog, but simply called. A herd of at least 40 llamas followed. To hurry them. Bili would throw a stone - not at them, but anywhere: the sound of a stone clattering on the rocks seemed to alert them to the imperative to move. As to where they were going, they seemed to be seized by

collective wish to accompany Bili. But why 40 Ilamas, when Bili said he was taking il? As we reached the ridge, the mystery was partly solved.
"Now I will separate mine," he said. throwing a stone into the gap between one llama and another. Miraculously, II llamas formed a group, the remaining animals warrdering back down the mountainside.

"Those ones belong to the people in the valley on this side," he said. "They know." There was some sort of understanding between the boy and his herd. They knew, too. And on we went, his furry charges leaping over rocks and streams, grazing as they

This intelligence, this self-sufficiency, this combination of wildness with belonging, appealed to me. On returning to England I started to

I found that liamas and alpacas have been kept here for many decades, having originally been

brought from Chile. They can stand far lower temperatures Britain presents but, lacklanolin in their coats, must have shelter against

Otherwise they are easy to keep, grazing happily on poor grassland. Nor are they without their uses. The alpaca's wool is valuable, and the llama's, once the coarse guard-hairs have been removed, is also worth shearing and selling. Some farmers run a llama with their sheep at lambing time: South American camelids have an inborn hatred of foxes and dogs and will chase both away. But they are by nature placid, only spit when grievously vexed, and - though they very occasionally get cross with human beings and become a little rough - they are not an

British llama-owners can contrive all kinds of excuses for their hobby. Though you cannot ride a llama, she will carry a child, if led. She will also carry golf clubs and, her feet being soft, leave the turf undamaged. You can even (if you must) prevail upon a llama to pull a small cart.

But this is rationalisation. Two reasons for keeping them here predominate. One is to breed them; the

other is for fun. I do plan eventually to bring some baby llamas ("crias") into the world but - at the risk of being expelled from the British Camelid Owners & Breeders Association before I even join it — I venture the thought that breeding for profit when what conscarcity and curlosity value may, like pyramid-selling, have a natural limit. Once Liesley and Imp are old enough, however, we plan to invite a boy llama for the weekend — the gestation taking about 11 months. Unusually for a four-legged beast, llamas mate in a semi-recumbent position. A camelid sits down as a sign of submission, not obstinacy, but this can be infuriating when what you want it to submit to is your wish that it should move.

Imp comes from a farm near Ashbourne in Derbyshire, Jane Methuen, who breeds llamas, had already named her when, with the friend who shares my house, I went to choose. It is my friend who will have to look after the llamas all week. but she loves animals and Mrs Methuen told her all about llama husbandry and offered to keep Imp together with any other llama we might buy, until they were friends

and ready to move. we found another young female, with a brown, furrowed brow. Mrs Johnson, who keeps her own small herd, told me this llama had been born on April I this year. That being my father's birthday, I named her after him, altering Leslie to Lesley because she is a girl; and then - because she is a llama -- to Llesley.

he departed Staffordshire for Ashbourne. The leave-taking from her mother was a touching affair. Llamas make no sound but for a sort of plaintive humming. Liesley and her mother stood together one last time, and hummed to each other. Then she left. to join her new friend.

Last Sunday, we helped Mrs Methuen coax both girls into a horsebox. An hour later they minced delicately down the ramp and into their new pasture, eyeing the shelter we have built for them, the hayrack, the stream-fed pond I dug last year, and the fences which put my yew trees out of reach. Mrs Methuen left, to a little hum from Imp.

That night I got up twice to see if they were all right. They lay quietly under the beech tree, their white patches bright in the misty moonlight. On Monday morning I took my

I cannot say either hummed as I left. I do not expect they will hum. when I return this evening. But, internally, I am humming already in anticipation.

# Justify our trust, Mr Blair

RIGHTN NOT HALL

Hom Rester

Labour must stay

true to its aims,

says John Lloyd

This new Labour Government was elected to do great things.

It said it would do so while simultaneously proposing, as earnest of its distance not just from old Labour but also from former governments, that it would do a few, focused. limited-but-important things. But where it ring-fenced its pledges, it vaulted its tasks.

It now finds itself assailed on both pledge and task front. This is indeed the end of honeymoon. Chill winds whisper of commissions of inquiry giving unwelcome reports, legislation bogged down, opposition revived, backbenchers roused and tetchy, lobby groups disaffected, the party in

revolt, the people distillusioned.

The pledges included the improvement of education through a reduction in class sizes; the improvement of healthcare through the reduction of waiting lists; and the maintenance of a tight monetary framework. In this past week, all of these have produced

blushes for the Government.
Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, was reduced to tetchiness when asked why, when the pledge was to shorten waiting lists, they were getting longer. He said he had inherited a lengthening trend from the Tories, which is a fair point. He said he had no way of storping them. said he had no way of stopping them growing in the short term — a point not stressed before the election.

Education, by contrast, was the site for some good news. Standards are up; schools are improving. The fly in the ointment is that the schools improving most are those Labour once most reviled — the city technology colleges and the grant-main-tained schools. This seems to show that class sizes may not be as crucial to educational success as a concentration on standards and a certain

amount of selection. Monetary discipline claimed its latest target midweek in Harriet Harman, the Social Security Secretary, given a tough hour before her own backbenchers for her plan to cut lone parents' benefits by up to III a week. Like other big spenders, Ms Harman has to deliver cuts to the Chancellor, she has sought to shape her economies around Mr Brown's powerful belief that work is the deliverance for the underclasses, and that sticks as well as carrots must be used. This is a reasonable point of cutting of benefits for (mainly) young women stuck with a child or children and with few skills. Precisely the kind of people the Left speaks for.

None of these needs be a large issue. Mr Dobson may come up with a good plan; if not, continued growth may deliver him more money. Education under David Blunkett and Stephen Byers is a non-ideological department willing, indeed avid, to go with what works, including what the Tories made to work.

The pledges may yet be delivered, given time and luck. New Labour claimed in Opposition that it was able - uniquely able - to tackle a range of issues which were beyond the usual tight limits of politics. It wanted to recast the tax, health and welfare systems in order to discriminate between those in real need and those in little or no need. It identified a group which it called the socially excluded (formerly the poor, then the underclass) and promised to make the alleviation of their exclusion the test of its commitment. It proposed itself as at once a more ethical, more activist and more open Government.

t has claimed a green mantle, and used precious prime ministerial and domestic gridlock. It has sketched in ideas for reinventing government to make it more efficient. more transparent and closer to the people. It has already begun to reconstruct the constitution of the country, opening a box from which demands for a programme even more radical than its own programme now begin to emerge.

These were some of the reasons good and solid reasons - why Tony Blair won his high mandate. His remains a Government which has grasped some of the challenges of the modern world in a way that no other party in the country, and few others in the world, has. That is why trust remains so crucial, why - as MrEcclestone and his £1 million Bernie slowly fade - new Labour has to reconstruct trust in itself. The changes it plans to put the country through are at least as dizzying as those initiated by Margaret Thatcher - more so, perhaps, since the world has speeded up since then.

We do not need to love him, as his popularity levels may have luiled Mr Blair into thinking that we did. But we have to think that he knows how to distinguish the large from the small, the strategy from the tactic, the country's from the party's advantage. We did not, in general, love Mrs Thatcher, but few would not have trusted her to cleave to the direction in which she believed.

Mr Blair may soon have to face the crushing burden of deciding to order British troops into battle. He already confronts a stronger Opposition, a more roused parliamentary party and a more sceptical electorate. The hard pounding starts here.

The author is associate editor of the



Ferguson thank you for getting us to the top of the league, now you are sacked," says a friend from Gray's Inn. Mr Page, now on a golfing holiday in Portugal, is negotiating redundancy and is expected to leave in time for Christmas. A senior clerk is a powerful figure, deciding who gets which brief. In the BBC's This Life, the racy soap about lawyers, a similar role was filled by Jo. played by Damian Zuk. Clerks are paid a percentage of their colleagues' fees. Page certainly shared in the success of Ms Booth's chambers, with an income of up to £150,000 a year. But now the chambers, headed by Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Michael Beloff, QC, wants to replace him with a director on a fixed

hire her to fight his case. THOSE bandy-legged policy wonks at No 10 have formed their own football team, called Demon Eyes. And in an attempt to tighten up at the back, they have intro-

salary of £100,000. Perhaps Mr

Page should exploit Ms Booth's

expertise in employment law and



Legal types: Zuk and Booth

duced a continental sweeper sys-tem, a sure sign that new Labour is wearing the tracksuit. Their star striker is Tim Allan, Tony Blair's free-scoring press secretary. Their glamorous opponents this weekend? Oh, Daz Automatic.

# Run out

TURF wars have broken out in William Hague's private office. Charles Hendry has been moved



from the post of chief of staff after growing weary of "overlapping responsibilities" with Sebastian Coe, the successful athlete and less winning MP. Coe had been Hendry's deputy but has now been promoted to Hendry's old job, leaving him free to run the leader's office.

Hendry has been shunted off to become something called head of business liaison — a new post requiring him to "develop contacts with the business community". An onerous task, but Central Office denies a tiff. Naturally.

 MORE news of politicians having unfortunate run-ins with ticket collectors. After Lembit Opik's embarrassment. I bring you an even more alarming tale involving the Shadow Chancellor. Peter Lilley was noticed at Westminster Tube station yesterday trying, without success, to pass through the barriers. Luckily an inspector was able to point out that his ticket was invalid, and directed him gently to

# Cooked up

HOW did Robin Cook become chairman of the Big Four's emergency midnight session to end the mother of all non-battles with Iraq? Answer: by seizing the initiative when protocol was no help. Madeleine Albright, Yevgeni Primakov, Hubert Védrine, a Chinese envoy and Cook finally assembled,



"He can't have had time to hide them all . . . "

bleary-eyed, at gone two in the morning. Photographers clicked away but when they left there was an awkward silence. No one had officially called the meeting, so there was no host. "Well, shall I take the initiative and begin?" piped up Cook. "What a good idea," the gravel-voiced Russian replied. "And why don't you act as chairman and read out the final communiqué afterwards?" Watching Cook beaming, a nearby American growled: "Now that's what I call punching above your weight."

■ WHILE the royals stretched out in the front pews yesterday, West-minster Abbey's bellringers were having a hard time. After more than three hours, even the staunchest of them was wilting. "Afterwards they made straight for the Westminster Arms." says a sympathiser. "It was worse than VE-Day - they were flaked."

# Tuna's off

DAYS of poulet noir and blanc de volaille are over in the House of Commons dining room. The fivecourse menu - popular with new Labour types - is to be scaleddown to three simpler courses: chicken soup, pie and chips, jam roly poly, the normal working man's stuff. Thanks go to Joe Ash-



Jonathan Aitken's daughter Victoria, 17, who is to come out at a Paris ball. She will. not stay at the, er, Ritz.

ton, bluff Labour MP and a loud voice on the catering committee. "The old guys were playing hell that there was too much fettucine and penne and not enough steakand-kidney pie and stew," says Ashton, weamed on tripe and onions. There are so many women in the place, the menu had got like a Kensington wine bar. They think three lettuce leaves and a spoonful of tuna is a good lunch. We don't."

JASPER GERARD | New Statesman

The insomniacs' summit has produced an uncertain conclusion. Madeleine Albright

and Robin Cook claimed victory in the

stand-off with Iraq after their early morning

course" under pressure from the united

international community. The Foreign Sec-

retary stated firmly that Saddam Hussein

had "not won any compromise" and that

"there are no concessions". If this is the

outcome then Iraq has now backed down on

weapons inspections merely in return for the

promise that Russia would actively press its

Such a conclusion would be welcome. It

would starkly demonstrate that Saddam

has, not for the first time, misjudged his

opponents and has been pressed into

ignominious retreat in the face of military

force, Yevgeni Primakov, Russian Foreign

Minister, will have provided little more than

diplomatic cover for Iraq's reassessment. It

is too soon to be certain. The actions of the

allies over the next few months will

determine whether this is an important

triumph for international order or a defeat

that will have profound consequences later.

teams is central to this. Over the past few

weeks it has been constantly noted that Iraq.

had no role in this matter. Madeleine

Albright has insisted that the return of the

UN inspectors (Unscom) was unconditional.

The statement released after the summit,

however, suggested that the UN should

adopt measures that made their activities in

Iraq "more effective". This is likely to mean

that Unscom will be expanded and the

proportion of American nationals will fall.

The UN certainly needs far more inspectors

in Iraq. But these must be real experts in the

field. A larger number of relative amateurs-

would ultimately assist, not obstruct,

Saddam's attempt to rebuild his arsenal.

This is why Iraq wants a reduced American

Provoking the Labour Left might be seen as

part of the job description of any modernising Social Security minister. But in

a Government determined not to make too

many enemies Harriet Harman is acquiring

more than her fair share. Ms Harman is

right to risk the wrath of the party's

traditionalist redistributive wing by stand-

ing firm on single parent allowances. New

Lahour's emphasis on work, not benefits, as

the path out of poverty is a genuinely

porogressive stance for the Left. The un-

popularity Ms Harman has earned with her

party's traditionalists has not, however,

been balanced by any accumulation of credit

with the most advanced modernisers in

Labour. Her prickly relationship with her deputy, the Minister for Welfare Reform,

Frank Field, reflects a hostility on her part to

some of the ethical arguments with which

the most far-sighted social security thinkers

Ms Harman's position is not helped by

lingering suspicion, extending into the centre of the party, provoked by her decision

to send her son to a selective school. That

prejudice may be unfair, but it is under-

pinned by her colleagues' perception of her

performance in the Commons and on the

airwaves, which have not won new admir-

ers. Reform of the welfare state is one of the

Government's most cherished ambitions,

but it is a task of technical, and moral, com-

plexity which will require sensitive political

salesmanship. Can it be entrusted to a

minister whose position is less than assured?

some other members of the Cabinet, and her

bravery under fire, not to mention her

In these dank November days, spirits are

traditionally lifted by the glitter of Christ-

mas lights, brightening the commercial

glow of London's busiest shopping streets

and twinkling merrily along the prome-nades of many a town where civic pride has

boosted the Christmas budget. As postwar

prosperity fuelled ever larger shopping

sprees, the traders' lights themselves be-

came the stars drawing wondrous crowds to

the West End. Year after year, angels blew

their trumpets across Oxford Street, imagi-

Ms Harman has more on her side than

The composition of the UN inspection

cause on the UN Security Council.

THE TIMES

WATCH HIS SPACE

Time will tell if Saddam has really backed down

presence. If that is achieved then Saddam,

The same might be said of sanctions. The

UN will soon reconsider the rules under

which Iraq is allowed to make limited sales

of oil in order to purchase essential food and

medicines. American and British diplomats,

somewhat disturbingly, chose to indicate

that the terms of this trade might be slightly

softened if Saddam would co-operate on inspections. Iraq should not have been

offered incentives to fulfil its obligations. It

will be soon become clear if this has been an

There is a more fundamental aspect still.

The UN is slipping towards a position where

the sole criterion for the retention or not of

sanctions is Saddam's attitude to the

inspection effort. That is to ignore the

conventional threat that Iraq can still pose to

its neighbours and the treatment of its own

people, especially the Kurds. Saddam might

decide to suspend and then quietly hide his

biological, chemical and nuclear weapons

programmes for a nine-month period. After

that, the intense Unscom enterprise would

end, trade patterns would return, and Iraq

That would be a disaster. The sheer scale

of Iraq's illicit efforts has only recently

become fully apparent. Unscom has already

discovered more than 38,000 filled and

empty chemical munitions and 690 tonnes of

chemical weapons agent. There is more that must lie undetected. The Poreign Office

estimated this week that, unimpeded, Iraq

could deploy some chemical and biological

arms within a few months. Such a country

requires comprehensive, complete and con-

tinuing inspection. This should be the

precondition before any process of "norm-

alisation" is undertaken. If this is the result

of the arrangement endorsed in Geneva

vesterday then it is an excellent agreement.

If not, then a much more substantial

loyalty to her leader, are commendable.

Several of the difficulties she faces are,

moreover, outside her grasp. For a Govern-

ment keen on administrative control, the

management of welfare reform seems more

Balkan than Prussian. Mr Field is preparing

his own proposals for the future of the

welfare state; Martin Taylor, the chief

executive of Barclays Bank, is conducting a

review of the tax and benefits structure: Sir

Peter Davies, chairman of the Prudential, is

exploring Welfare to Work policies; a Social

Exclusion Unit has been established in the

Cabinet Office to reintegrate the underclass.

maximise the opportunities for work open to

those capable of grasping them. But, while

there may be more than one way to skin the

cat, the Government is in danger of taking

so many tools to the task that it will be left

The uncertainty of direction which still

marks government policy was all too

obvious, indeed the only thing that was

obvious, in this week's consultation paper on

stakeholder pensions. The combination of

tensions within the Department of Social

Security, the exposed political position of its Secretary of State and the policy traffic jam

in Whitehall, is in danger of imperilling the

necessary reform. Mr Field's instincts and

intellect, not least his understanding of the

initiative draining effect of dependency, should ensure that he stays in place. He

needs, however, both the public support of

Downing Street in his role as architect and a

departmental boss with the guile to present

his design attractively as well as the surplus

political capital to expend defending it.

with nothing more than a smile.

All these exercises are designed to

confrontation lies around the corner.

PRUSSIAN NOT BALKAN

Welfare reform will require a stronger lead

would soon resume business as usual.

implicit part of an improper bargain.

understandably, will be satisfied.

God's compassion

Sir, Mr Richard Lambert (letter, Nov-

ember 18) might just as easily have

written: "I know I'm being irrational

but I still believe in God." It is simply

not good enough to take God away

ing of science to suggest that it invol-

ticular question. There is no distinc-tion between good religion and good

If God really is incomprehensible to

human reason and outside our experi-

ence — our science — what possible use can He be to us? If benevolence is

in question, then what is the point in

in human history and our present

lives, it is surely our duty to use every

tool at our disposal to attempt to un-

It may be true to say that main-

stream Christianity has always seen

science and religion as complement-ary, but only to a point. When reason

shows certain aspects of religion to be

false, it is conveniently ditched by

religious leaders, in favour of pre-

philosophical conviction and irration-

Science may have its limitations.

but it is all we have if we seriously

seek an understanding of our place in

Sir. In the light of today's news involv-

ing the massacre of innocent people

by religious fanatics, I am not convin-

ced that the "hard evidence" on offer

supports Mr John Sherlock's hypothe-

sis (letter, November 18) that there is a

God "who cares compassionately for

Mr Sherlock's faith may not be in

human beings and humanity".

doubt, but his judgment surely is.

derstand Him and His ways.

If, on the other hand, God is active

having a God?

al superstition.

the Universe.

Yours faithfully, STRUAN HELLIER,

Hampton, Middlesex.

From Mr Kevin Sealy

145c Station Road.

struan@clara.net

Navember 18.

Yours sincerely.

KEVIN SEALY,

8 Phoenix Close,

November 18.

West Wickham, Kent.

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om Rabbi Tony Bayfield,

Chief Executive of the Reform

Synagogues of Great Britain

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From Mr Struan Hellier

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nary beasts fought duels along Regent Street, crowns, orbs, cribs and elves clashed in illuminated cacophony above the busy throng below. In recent years, however, lights as well as

invention have dimmed. Funds are fewer, the boutiques' tills ring just as merrily without lanterns or snowlakes and today's jaded crowds have seen bigger and better at Las Vegas. Enter, then, the good fairy of advertising to restore clan. Yves Saint Laurent promised the hautest of haute couture, with his name up in lights and his logo dangling the length of Regent Street. But although British Airways, National Power, American Express and even Disney have blazoned their corporate goodwill down Regent Street's graceful curve, this was a Parisian coup that stuck even in greedy commercial gullets. The lights were too bright, the advertising too blatant, the entire idea too tacky, Westminster Council's arbiters of taste decided. The YSL Christmas

has gone out of fashion.

LIGHT RELIEF From Regent Street to Blackpool, the great British taste The debacle has illuminated a real problem. For most Londoners, the concept of a static luminary display is passé. Lasers, computers and inter-active technology can now summon Santa and his chariot of gifts at the press of a control button or the activation of a trembling child's voice. At nearby Waterloo station, Channel 4's display of such "Xmas" wizardry in its interactive posters has shown up how tired

and stale have become the capital's official decorations. Some claim it is a matter of different national taste. Scandinavia enchants its Christmas visitors with little candles in every window. New York's Park Avenue is festooned with a cloud of tiny white lights, and Mediterranean capitals have festive touches that are neither vulgar nor kitsch.

But Britain has the taste too. The illuminations at Blackpool are a sure mark of the British spirit. Thousands and thousands of lights stretch in never-ending line, fluttering and dancing in the seaside breeze. And what Blackpool offers for weeks on end, other cities also attempt at Christmas with gaudy self-confidence.

Let householders, too, join in Lights, trees, plastic sleighs and beer-bellied Santas intoning pre-taped "Ho, ho, hos" are the stuff of the American suburbs. Could they not also find a home in England's winter land? Next week ten leading architects are to start a campaign to end the great British garish Christmas. What else will brighten November days?

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Central threat to coastal safety

From Commander Timothy Fetherston-Dilke

Sir, You report today the announcement in the House of Commons of a reduction in the number of coastguard rescue sub-centres, four to be closed in the North of England and in Scotland and two of the busiest to be amalgamated on the South Coast. This follows the closure in the last few years of sub-centres at Ramsey, Isle of Man, Hartland in Devon, Tees in Yorkshire, and Peterhead in Scotland - all attributed to the advance of tech-

nology, not cost-cutting. Advances in communication tech-nology have indeed improved coordination of search and rescue operations around our coasts, and one can reasonably foresee an Atlantic shipping casualty being efficiently han-dled, even from a basement in Birmingham. To suggest, however, that a holidaymaker who falls down a cliff in West Wales or a yachtsman who capsizes off Cape Wrath can obtain adequate assistance from Birmingham would be laughable.

I mention Birmingham because that was a location once postulated during the workings of a 1975 review of HM Coastguard, a suggestion which happily was not pursued. It is to my lasting regret that some 20 years ago, when I was assisting the review team, I did not insist that all its members spent at least 24 hours in the North Sea in an inflated liferaft, with out-of-date flares and no radio, waiting to be rescued.

What must now be learnt by those who make such major decisions is that local knowledge can play a cru-cial part in the success or failure of a rescue operation, and that that cannot, with the best will in the world, be acquired by those working in a far disfant rescue centre.

Yours faithfully, TIMOTHY FETHERSTON-DILKE (Chief Coastguard, HM Coastguard, 1978-86), 85 Christchurch Road, Winchester, Hampshire. November 18:

### Tobacco sponsorship

From Mr David H. Walton

Sir, The Pormula One people say that if cigarette advertising were banned the entire industry would move to the Far East fletters, November 19, etcl. losing a large number of engineering jobs in this country. Frankly I doubt it. apolis 500 race. That race has no bearing on the UK other than the fact that almost every car taking part in that and the rest of the series is made here, because we make the finest racing cars. If Formula One racing were to move away the entrants and drivers would still insist on the best cars and they would continue to come to the

Yours faithfully, DAVID H. WALTON, 10 St Guthlac's Close, Crowland, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. November 17:

From Mr Brian Lightman

Sir, The fact that Tony Blair has the integrity to admit to a mistake when he, like all human beings, makes one, demonstrates the massive culture change that has taken place since May 1. Your commentators today obviously have far more difficulty understanding this than the electorate.

BRIAN LIGHTMAN, 30 Heol St Dennys, Lisvane, Cardiff. blightman@classic.msn.com November 17.

# Sex selection

From the Chairman of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority

Sir, I share Professor Gosden's disdain (letter, November 14) for the re-liability of the so-called "Rightbaby" technique of choosing either a boy or a girl. While questioning the value of that procedure, he claims that another form of "sperm sorting" might soon provide a breakthrough, and that people's determination to make their own reproductive choices will prevail, whatever the interests of the wider community.

Screening using IVF is the only cer-tain method of determining the sex of an embryo. The HFEA regulates this, and held a public consultation on sex selection four years ago. The public made it abundantly clear that they did not want children treated as consumer goods, and that sex selection for social reasons was the beginning of a slippery slope towards choosing the "perfect" baby. The HFEA banned sex selection for social reasons in licensed treatment centres; it is permitted for medical reasons, that is, where there is a danger that a child might inherit a serious, life-threatening disorder.

Over the past six years the HFEA has shown that regulation in this most difficult of areas need not be "futile". This has been achieved by the involvement and co-operation of practitioners, patients and the public.

Yours etc, RUTH DEECH. Chairman, Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, Paxton House, 30 Artillery Lane, El November 14.

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# New homes 'damage' to countryside Faith, reason and

From Councillor Mark Dunn

Sir, It is very disappointing to see that the Planning Minister, Richard Caborn, does not intend to seek to change the direction of Whitehall's attitudes towards development on farmland and in the green belt (report, November 13).

In local government — I am both a district and a county councillor — we are instructed by central government that there will be an increase in the need for homes, resulting from the swelling numbers of single people who must be individually housed. This shortage of homes is reflected in Whitehall setting county-by-county targets for deadlines for new housebuilding.

In turn, these figures are used by well funded speculative housebuilders and harassed local officials striving to meet local plan timing disciplines to arm-twist local councillors into sanc-tioning the redefinition of countryside areas as suitable for very profitable greenfield housing development when, in fact, they would much rather that new home-building schemes took place on brown land, within existing urban envelopes.

It is a widely held view that local authorities are inadequate guardians of the countryside. But the fact is that almost all developmental damage to the green belts has been the responsibility of remote central government, which uses the planning inspectorate, with its precedent-driven philosophies and its reliance on Whitehall-drafted guidance notes, to buildoze through development schemes which have been rejected by locally elected planning

If all development profits on greenfield sites were heavily taxed, and if recovery of nearby brown sites were to attract a reciprocal subsidy I believe that there would quickly be a welcome and fundamental reversal of this almost universally unpopular practice of building new houses in the country-

Yours faithfully, MARK DUNN, Wildham, Stoughton, Chichester, West Sussex. November 13.

From the President of the Country Landowners Association

Sir. Those who reject all new housing in the green belt and on farmland are condemning our rural areas to a dire fate. House prices will spiral out of the reach of local communities, dormitory towns will flourish, shops, services and local tobs will inexorably disappear, and the rural environment will thus be impoverished. That is not

# **Bevin Girls**

From Mrs Mary Beazley Sir, I read your report about Bevin

Boys (November 12) with great interest. There were also "Bevin Girls", and I was one of them, who fell into the same age group and who were not allowed to join the services, the Land Army or the Nursing Services. We were sent into the wartime factories which supplied the services. I applied to join the WRNS - my

father being in the Royal Navy - as soon as I was eligible to volunteer but learnt at the recruitment office that I was a Bevin Girl and must go into a factory. It was a slight relief to discover that in applying early before the point of conscription, one could "choose one's factory". I opted for making parachutes in London and worked at a bench until the end of the Despite the long hours on one's feet,

the monotony of the work and the bombing I am glad that I experienced it. I was the only Bevin Girl in a large factory of several hundred women and therefore considered rather a freak. Another minor disadvantage was that - not wearing a uniform one attracted unkind comment in the streets for not "serving one's country", which was hard to bear.

Yours faithfully, MARY BEAZLEY, Glebe House, Church Lane, Wormley, Hertfordshire.

Trolley tunes

From Mr Martyn Dyer

Sir, If the discovery by the psychologists of Leicester University that

music influences customer choice turns out to be correct (leading article, "Musical wine bars", November 13) there is a veritable goldmine ahead for

the supermarket which plays the right

I suggest the signature tune of the old BBC Dance Orchestra directed by

Henry Hall: Here's to the Next Time

should be included in all selections.

thus ensuring repeat purchases ir-respective of the particular mer-

Sir, You report (November 14) that

henceforth ministerial cars will be

powered by natural gas, saving about

We may be sure that if a substantial

proportion of private motorists were

to follow this environmentally

friendly example this Government, in-

deed any government, would soon im-

pose an excise duty on gas fuel of at

Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Kent.

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0171-782 5046.

e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

acarter4@compuserve.com

chandise being targeted.

Askrigg, North Yorkshire.

Yours faithfully,

Burn House.

November 13.

MARTYN DYER.

Natural gas

From Mr A. R. F. Carter

20p on a litre of petrol.

least that amount.

RICHARD CARTER,

Yours faithfully,

32 The Poles.

November 14.

# Sandwich beef

From Mr Christopher Hadden

Sir. Much of the packaging used for consumer goods seems designed for the convenience of the packaging industry rather than the consumer. I find the ubiquitous triangular, clear-plastic packaging used for sand-wiches at takeaway outlets a particularly poor example.

The opening part of the package is across the business end of the sand-wiches and they are often packed too tightly to allow the removal of the first sandwich without dismantling it. Surely the industry could come up with a better design.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HADDEN. 6 Cumberland Court,

Cumberland Street, SW1. November 18.

# All crazy now

From Mr Louis Schaffer

Sir, Mr E. M. Holt (letter, November 20), in contrasting the NHS waiting lists with the time involved in the veterinary treatment of a tortoise, inquires whether we are living in a same country.

You report (November 19) ministers and "officials", the whole of whose salaries are paid by the taxpayer, denigrating lawyers opposed to the abolition of legal aid for most civil cases as being motivated by the loss of a subsidy funded by the taxpayer and, in the same issue, the appointment by the Government of a self-confessed former cannabis user at a salary of £45,000 as deputy "drug czar", ap-proved by Home Secretary, Health Minister and Leader of the House.

The answer, Mr Rolt, is no. Yours faithfully, LOUIS SCHAFFER, 10 King's Bench Walk, Temple, EC4.

#### we are disappointed that - under this Government just as under the last only 50 per cent of new households from the realms of human reason and experience, and it is a misunderstandwill be located in previously developed land. Even to achieve that target the Govves anything more than giving the most probable explanation to any parernment will have to take positive

what the countryside is calling for.

Whatever the arguments about the figure of 4.4 million more households

needed by 2016, clearly more houses will be needed in the countryside; but

steps to give greater encouragement and certainty to developers to build on brownfield" sites and avoid the grafting of inappropriate housing development onto small towns and villages. The problem seen by the broader rural constituency — the people who live and work in the countryside, the rural businesses, the rural communities who need jobs, transport and in-

deed, housing - is the upward movement of house prices in villages with overtight village envelopes and in towns with rigid green belts. Such planning policies stifle investment and employment, both because sites for new or growing businesses are not made available and because

the lack of a mix of housing means that the skilled employees needed have nowhere suitable to live. Yours faithfully, IAN MacNICOL

President, Country Landowners Association, 16 Belgrave Square, SWI.

From Mr J. I. Swallow

Sir, A simple equation: if the Government admits that half of our necessary residential development can be accommodated within existing urban areas then it should also admit that just by doubling the height of these schemes our cities could swallow 100 per cent. Recent Docklands developments have proved that medium-rise solutions in appropriate urban landscapes can look great, be profitable, aid regeneration and use small spaces

London is huge, but its population is not. Our great cities already extend as far as they need to: the problem is that they are not being properly utilised. Nobody would welcome high-rise development in our suburban landscapes; but taller buildings in appropriate parts of city centres can revitalise under-populated areas, answer the housing shortage and still give developers the profits they seek.

Yours faithfully. JEREMY SWALLOW, 20 Hotnam Close Swanley Village, Kent.

Sir. It is not only in the US (report,

'US Jews attack Israel 'identity' Bill". November 18) that Reform Jews are determined to establish their rights to recognition as regards status in Israel. Here, too, Reform, Liberal and Masorti synagogue movements, now claiming more than one in four of all synagogue-affiliated Jews, will not stand by and see their brothers and sisters in Israel disenfranchised.

Last week during Prime Minister Netanyahu's visit I represented my movement at the meeting he held with community leaders. This subject exercised the gathering to the extent that a former orthodox Chief Rabbi. Lord Jakobovits, was moved to make a plea for separation of religious and political powers in Israel.

At a subsequent meeting Yaacov Neeman, Cabinet minister overseeing discussions on this crucial subject, assured us of a successful outcome. I emphasised to him that the issue was no less important to British Reform Jews than to those in America. We shall campaign, our dedication to Israel unwavering in its jubilee year, with the utmost vigour to resist any new attempts to make our fellow Reform Jews less than first-class citizens in the Family of Israel.

Yours faithfully, TONY BAYFIELD, Chief Executive, Reform Synagogues of Great Britain. The Sternberg Centre, 80 East End Road, N3. November 18.

# Thought for food

From Mrs Meg Kingston Sir. Three businessmen spent £13,091

on dinner (report, November 18). One bottle of their five chosen wines was a red burgundy at £4,950.

Beneath this report was an appeal for help for cold and hungry children in Bulgarian orphanages. I calculate that if these bons viveurs had forgone the burgundy they could have provided emergency food packs for over 3,500 children for a week.

Yours faithfully, MEG KINGSTON, Laundry Cottage, 36 Fore Street, Evershot, Dorset. November 18.

# Pedal power

From Mr Philip Tooke

Sir, You report today that Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands "never wears a crown and rides a bicycle". May I applaud this cautious approach to travel.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP TOOKE. 3 Lulworth Garth, Leeds, West Yorkshire. November 20.



# **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning attended a Service of Thanks-giving at Westminster Abbey in celebration of their Golden

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, The Prince of Wales. accompanied by Prince William of Wales and Prince Henry of Wales. The Duke of York, accompanied by Princess Beatrice of York and Princess Eugenie of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal and Captain Timothy Laurence RN, accompanied by Mr Peter Phillips and Miss Zara Phillips. The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester. The Duke and Duchess of Kent, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, and other Members of the

Royal Family were present. Members of Foreign Royal Familler also attended. Her Majesty's Body Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentle-men at Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the

Guard were on duty.

Her Majesty and His Royal
Highness afterwards called on the
Prime Minister and Mrs Tony

Blair at No 10 Downing Street. The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were subsequently entertained to Luncheon at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, by Her Majesty's Government in celebration of the Golden Wedding of Her Majesty and His Royal

Later this afternoon The Queen received the Master (Mr R.P. Franklin), Wardens and Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Gardeners and accepted a bouquet to commemorate Her Majesty's Golden Wedding. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh gave a Dinner and Ball at Windsor Castle this evening to celebrate their Golden Wedding, at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince William of Wales and Prince Henry of Wales. The Duke of York, The Prince Edward, The Princess Royal and Captain Timothy Laurence RN, accompanied by Mr Peter Phillips and Miss Zara Phillips, The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, The Duke and Duchess of Kent. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy and the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, and other Members of the Royal Fam-

Members of Foreign Royal Families also attended.

The Baroness Farrington of Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) Northolt this morning upon the Arrival of The Queen of the Netherlands and Prince Claus of the Netherlands and welcomed Her Majesty and His Royal Highness on behalf of The Queen. The Lord Hoyle (Lord in Wait-

ing) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning upon the Arrival of The King and Queen of the Belgians and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of Her

Majesty The Baroness Farrington Ribbleton (Baroness in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the Departure of The King and Queen of the Belgians and bade farewell to Their Majesties on behalf of The

Queen. The Baroness Gould of ing) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the Departure of The Grand Duke and The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and bade farewell to Their Royal Highnesses on behalf

of Her Majesty. Lieutenant Colonel Cecil Tarmer (Deputy Licutenant of Bedford-shire) was present at Luton Airport this afternoon upon the Departure of The King of Spain and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of The Oueen.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE November 20: The Prince of Wales this afternoon held a Luncheon at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, for Members of the British and Foreign Royal Families and guests attending the Golden Wedding celebrations of The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh.

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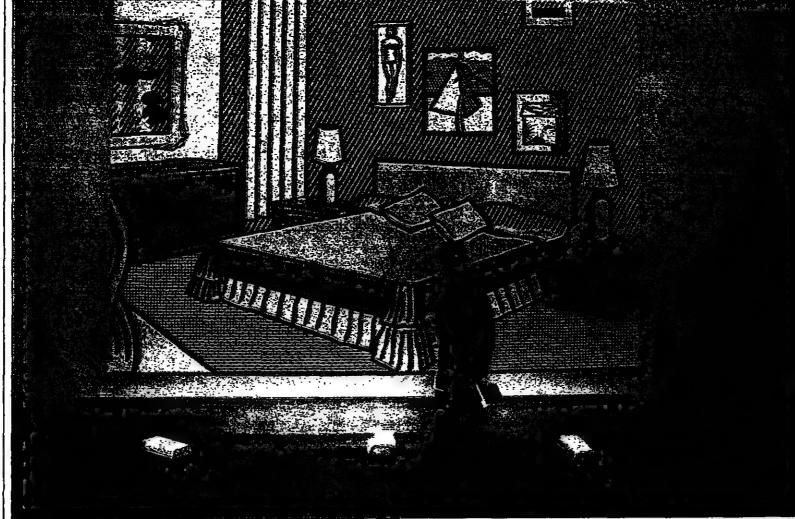
# Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Patron, the Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison Brinsford, New Road, Featherstone, Wolverhampton, at 10.00; as President, Save the Children Fund. will visit their shop at 11 Bird Street, Lichfield, Staffordshire, at II.45: will open the Staffordshire Agricultural Society's new members' pavilion at the county ford, at 12.50; and as Patron, College of Occupational Theranists, will visit the occupationa therapy department, Bucknall Hospital, Eaves Lane, Bucknall,

Princess Margaret will visit LO Electronics North of England, Birtley Road, Washington, Tyne

and Wear, at 2,15; as President, the

The Duke of Kent, as Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys), will present Duke of Kent Medals at the Cavalry and Guards



A colourful visitor looks at Roy Lichtenstein's Interior with Waterlilies, 1991, which will be on show at the Tate from tomorrow

# £1 million Lichtenstein given to the Tate

A 11 MILLION painting by the late American pop artist Roy Lichtenstein has been given to the Tate Gallery in London. The work, entitled Interior with Waterlilies, 1991, was given to the Tate Gallery by the Douglas S. Cramer Foundation which was set up by the man behind the popular TV shows *Dynasty* and *The Love Boat*. Mr Cramer described yesterday now

he had spoken to Lichtenstein about giving the painting to the Tate Gallery just days before the artist died, aged

73, on September 29 this year. He said: "Roy told me it would give him and his wife Dorothy great pleasure to have it find a home in the Tate Gallery. I know the Tate had great personal meaning to Roy, as it always has had to me, and so I am

very pleased to have in his memory and in honour of Dorothy - this amazing painting find its way to the

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The painting was unveiled yester day and will go on show as the centrepiece of a small memorial display to the artist from tomorrow until March 2 next year. Lichtenstein is best known for his larger-than-life

comic tyle scenes. Interior with Waterlilies, 1991, belongs to his final thematic painting series called Interiors. Using an advertisement in the Yellow Pages, Lichtenstein changes a bland bedroom design by adding images of his own works to the walls. The lilies of the title are a homage to the painter Claude Monet and his

Church news

Appointments The Rev Robert Hill, Priest-in-Charge, Devonport St Michael (Exeter): to be Chaplain, Morden College, Blackheath (Southwark). The Rev Nigel Holmes, Priest-in-Charge, Nether Hoyland St Peter (Sheffield): to be also Priest-in-Charge, Nether Hoyland St

The Rev David Houghton. Team Vicar, Clapham Team Holy Spirit (Southwark): to be Priest-in-Charge, Clapham Team St Peter. The Rev Andrew Hudson, Curate, Moldgreen Christ Church (Wakefield): to be Priest-in-Charge, Lundwood St Mary Magdalene

(same diocess). Royston St John the Baptist, and Priest-in-Charge, Cariton St John the Evangelist (Wakefield): to be an Honorary Canon of Wakefield

The Rev Richard Impey, Director of Training (Norwich): to be also acting Principal of the LNSM Training Scheme (same diocese). The Rev. Lyn. Jamieson, Chaplain, Gateshead MetroCentre (Dur-ham): to be also Honorary Canon

of Durham Cithedral. The Rev June Knight, NSM Assistent Curate, Great Answell w St. Margaret's and Stanstead Abbots (St Albans): to be NSM Assistant Curate, Little Hadham w Albury (same diocese).

The Rev Scott Lamb, Assistant Curate, East Ham St Bartholomew (Chelmsford): to be Priest-in-Charge, West Holloway St Luke (London).

Canon Peter Larkin, Rector, Torquay St Matthias (Exeter): to be Rector, North Sutton Team. Plym-The Rev John Lawrence, Vicar, Rochester St Justus: to be UK Director for CMJ (Church's Min-

# marriages Mr T.F. Bayley and Miss G.K. Mellen

Forthcoming &

The engagement is announced between Torn, son of Mr James Bayley and the Hon Mrs Helena Bayley, and Georgia, daughter of Mr William Mellen and Mrs Karin Dobbie.

M M. Benbahoueke and Ms R. Harvey

The engagement is announced between Malek Benbahouche, of Paris, and Ruth, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harvey, of St Columb, Comwall. Mr J.E. Borlant

and Miss J.D. Jackson The engagement is announced between Jeremy Edward, only son of Mr and Mrs Seymour A. Borlant, and Julie Diana, second er of Mr John D. Jackson, CBE, and Mrs Jackson, of Leeds,

Mr P.C.E. Calderbank and Miss S.S.N. McLeod

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ian Calderbank, of Aynho.
Northamptonshire, and Sharon. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter McLeod, of Linslade,

Mr A.R.H. Holliday and Miss S. Pocock The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Richard Holliday, of Kildary,... Ross-shire, and Samantha, daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Pocock,

of Reigate, Surrey. Mr J.R.H. Krefting and Miss M. Goa The engagement is amounced between Rupert, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Rudolf Krefting, of Padworth, Berkshire, and

Monique, daughter of De Heer Karl-Heinz Goumans, of Velden: The Netherlands, and Mme Dorothea Houben, of Lahaymek, France. Mr LW. Martin and Miss J.P. Briggs

The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs W. Martin, of Ormskirk, Lancashire, and Jackie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Briggs, of Westwood Heath, Covenity. Mr W.R. Peers

mit Mie S.Z. Pohlevski Kerkfi The engagement is announced between William, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Peers, of Castle Frome, Herefordshire, and Sophie, younger daughter of Mr Vincent Pokiewski Koziell and the late Mrs Annabel Poklewski Koziell, of London SW3. Mr J.S. Peirce and Dr K.S. Dew

The engagement is armounced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Peirce, of Kingston, Surrey, and Kate, youngest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs M. Devonald, of Pyfield, Eusex.

Anniversaries ... today

BIRTHS: Voltaire, philosopher Hairax, Nova Scotia, 1787; Walter William William Skeat, etymologist, London 1835; Sir Lesiie Ward, the Accurrentists Spy, London, 1851; Sir Lesiie Ward, the Arthur Quiller-Couch, man of letters, Bodmin, 1863; Arthur "Harpo" Marx, actor and com-edian, New York, 1888; René Magritie, Surrealist painter, Lessines, Belgium, 1898; Coleman Hawkins, jazz musician, St Joseph,

Missourl, 1904. DEATHS: Sir Thomas Gresham, founder of the Royal Exchange, London, 1579; Henry Purcell, composer, London, 1695; James Hogg, writer, the "Ettrick Shepherd", Altrive, Borders, 1835; Franz Josepb I, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, Vlenna, 1916; Hermann Sudermann, writer, Berlin, 1928; James Barry Hertzog. Prime Minister of South Africa 1924-39, Pretoria, 1942; Sir Chandrasekhara Raman, mayor cist, Nobel laurease 1930, Ban-The first free flight in a balloon

was made, Paris, 1783. It travelled five miles and reached a height of

Stoke-on-Trent, at 2.30.

Guide Association, will meet members of the Durham North Guide Association at Dryden Professional Development Centre, Evistones Road, Gateshead, at 3.10; and as Colonel-in-Chief, will attend a reception for the Old Comrades of The Light Dragoons (formerly 15th/19th The King's Royal Hussars) at Blagdon, Seaton Burn, Newcastle upon Tyne, at

Club, Piccadilly, at noon.

Mr Coningsby Aliday, chemical engineer, 77; Mlss Beryl Bain-bridge, writer, 63; Mrs Georgina Battiscombe, author. 92; Earl Beatty, 51; Mr Roy Boulting, film producer, 54; Miss Tina Brown, Editor, New Yorker, 44; Mr J.D. Bullmore, a director, WPP Group, founder, Nash Ensemble, 57: Mr. Nickolas Grace, actor, 50; Dr. Michael Grant, classical historian,

Birthdays today

Miss Goldie Hawn, acress, 52 Sir Stanley Kalms, founder, Dixons Group, 66; Mr Peter Liddle, racehorse trainer, ôi; Miss Natalia Makarova, ballerina, 57; Mr Tim Robinson, cricketer, 39; Mr Peter Sharpe, Chief Constable, Hert-53; Sir fordshire, 53; Sir William Stuttaford, former president, National Union of Conservative and nist Associations, 69; Mr Malcolm Williamson, Master of The Queen's Music, 66.

# Luncheon

To the Chinese Ambassador Mr John Cruickshank and Dr Xaijou Zhu were the hosts at a function in honour of the Chinese Ambassador held yesterday in Camden Town Hall. The Mayor of Camden also spoke.

# Lecture

Society of Chemical Industry Mr R.A. Holland, Chairman of Council of the Society of Chemical industry, presented the Society's Medal to Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys, FRS, at a lecture held yesterday at Oxford University. The medal is awarded in recognition of the professor and the second statement of the second statement of the second seco nition of conspicuous services to applied chemistry.

# Lincoln's Inn

Captain P.M. Carver, RN. is to become an Honorary Bencher of

# **Dinners**

Lincoln's Lun Sir Maurice Drake, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn., with the Benchers entertained at dinner in Hail last night it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among those

Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, was the guest speaker at a dinner of the Defence and Security Forum held last night at the Carlton Club. Lady Olga Maitland, president, was in the chair. Colonel Philip

Chemical Instruction Association Mr John Battle, Minister for Science, Energy and Industry, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Chemical Industries Association held last

night at Grosvenor House. Dr Robin Paul, president, was in the chair and Dr Elliot Finer, director general, also spoke. Thirteen Old Square The Members of Thirteen Old

Square gave a dinner last night at Dartmouth House, Charles Street, anniversary of the appointm Mr Charles Sparrow, QC, as Head of Chambers. Mr Patrick Talbot, QC. presided. Mr Justice Ferris and Mr Justice Lightman were among the guests.

Indibates of Medicalical

Engineers
The Institution of Mechanical
Engineers, (IMechE), held its Anrual Dinner at Guildhall last night. Mr Derek Nimmo and Mr Tony Shaw were guest speakers. Mrs Pam Liversidge, President of IMethE, was in the Chair.

#### Reception Lord Mayor of Westmisster To mark the occasion of the

United Oxford & Cambridge University Club Professor Norman Stone, Bilkent University, Ankara, was the principal speaker at a United Oxford & Cambridge University Club din-ner held last night at the Club Mr Bruce William Club, presided.

# Service dinners

The Queen's Royal Laucers Lieutenant-General Shr Richard inburn, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Lancers, presided at the annual officers' dinner held last Club.

Black Wetch Association Lieutenant-Colonei A.W.B. Louden, .Commanding Officer of The Black Watch, was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Black Watch Association (London branch) held last night at the Victory Services Club. Colonel R.I.L. Ker presided.

#### British Federation of Women Graduates

Ms Anne Begg, MP, Baroness Denton of Wakefield and Professor Cary Cooper, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of UMIST, were the speakers at a British Federation of Women Graduates seminar held yesterday at the House of Commons by courtesy of Ms Janet Anderson, MP. Miss Florence Kirkby, president, was in the chair.

# Service luncheon

The King's African Rifles and Bast African Forces Dianer Club Brigadier Malcolm Page presided at a luncheon of The King's African Rifles and East African Forces Dinner Club held yesterday Golden Wedding amniversary of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London were the hosts at a reception held last night at Westminster City Hall for couples from the Cities of London and Westminster who are celebrat-ing their Golden Wedding

# The Royal College of Radiologists

the College, held yesterday at the Royal College of Physicians, the following were elected Officers for the year 1997-98:

anniversary this year.

the year 1997-98: President, Dr. M.J. Brindig VicePresident, Dr. M.J. Brindig VicePresident of the College and Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr. T.J. Priesuman; Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor J. WeirWarden of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor F. Annatrong, Warden of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr. R.D. Hunter; Registrar of the College and Registrar of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor L.W. McCall; Registrar of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor L.W. McCall; Registrar of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr. W.S. JonesEditor of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor E.H. Beznek.

# Latest wills

Joan Farrow, of Furnham Common, Slough, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at \$2,296,439 net. She left \$1,000 each to the Donley Sanctuar, Sidmouth, the Br-Services Mental Weifare Society, LEPRA, the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, RSFE, World Wildlife Fund, Wild Rowl Trust, Royal Star and Garter Home, and the RAF Benevolent Fund. She also left shares in her residuary estate to the Salvation Army, the National Trust, Canterbury Cathedral Resturation Fund, Barnardo's and the RNLL.

Walter Coombs, of Prescot, Merseyside, left estate valued at ELOHI/755 oct.
He left ELOOO to Prescot Parish Church and Prescot United Reform Church and Eloo to each of his

istry among Jewish People). The Rev Peter Leitch, formerly Missions to Seamen, Rotterdam (Europe): to be Chaplain, Missions to Seamen, Felixstowe (St to Seamen, Felixstow Edmundsbury & Ipswich).



North Carolina became the 12th : state of the Union, 1789. Thomas Hancock patented volcanised rubber, 1843.

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	at The Barb

at The Portland Hospital, to Susan (Miller) and Simon, a daughter, Hannah Mathilda, a cister for Katie. a sister for Extle. BELL - Anthrew and Moray (née Morton) are delighted to announce the hirth of their daughter, Colette Jessica, on 15th November 1997 at Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon, weighing 77th Store.

BIRTHS

13th at The Portland Hospital, to Athina (nee Strothmann) and Michael

CLARK-On 13th November, to Julie (née Flower) and James, a son, Angus George MacRenzie. project - On 17th November at The Fortland Hospital, to Company and Greene, a son. The Fortiand Hospital, to Carolyne and Greene, a son, Alexander. Thanks to the gang for charing the dream. November 1 gang for charing the dream.

Alexander. Thanks to the gang for sharing the dram. FORDHAM - On November 15th, to Eupert and Georgina, a son.
FOSTER - On November 19th at Solthull Hospital, to Justine (use South) and Stephen, a son, Benjamin. (née Sound ...

son, Benjamin.

Guille - On 12th November at Brincess Boyal Hospital, to Carollon and Peter, a son, Alexander Callum.

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and Andrew, a wonderful
daughter, Zoe, 5the 14ca.

# CHS DEATHS

intil Alexandr - Con November 1st 1997, to Heather (Pilley) and Charles, a son, Ism Faul Charles, a brother for Jenny and Austree. HOLLEY - On November 12th, to Clare (née Mole) and David, a beautiful son, Alexander James, a brother for Camon. GOLDEN

MMM-0380NNE On November 14th 1997 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, To Dayld and Fatesia, a beautiful daughter, Yasmin Make Magan.

KHAM-OSBORNE

MACLEAM - On Friday 14th November in New York to Charlotte (ade Founar) and Nicholas, a daughter, Arabella Georgina Lucy, a sister for Flora and Alice. MAYBURY On 19th November 1997, at The Portland Hospital, to Stella (nee King) and Christopher, a daughter, Sara Jean

MHLIFt - On November 9th, to Amanda (née Lyon) and James, a son, Toby Alexander Robert, a brother for Sophia.

PELLEY - See Hollander. PULLAN - On November 19th, at St Thomas Hospital, to Henrietta (née Churchill) and Julian, a son, Jack William, and a daughter, framesca from

November 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Colandine (nee Chamberistus) and Chamberistus) Portland Hospital, to Colandine (née Chamberisyne) and Charles, a danghter, Coco Pincebe, a stanghter, Coco Pincebe, a stanghter, Coco Pincebe, a stanghter, Coco Pincebe, a time for Danson and Lotte. WHIGHT - On Novamber 15th at the Portland Hospital, to Atmabel (née Goldstub) and Jonathaia, a daughter, Georgia, a sister for Maccus.

ANNIVERSARIES Trinity Kensington Gore Charles to Joan, Now in

Jean Conan Doyle)
peacefully on November
18th Beloved wife of the
late Sir Gooffray Bromet.
Frivate Instant Memorial
Service in London, date to be
abnormed. on 19th November at Southampton. Wife of the late Eric of Brockenhurst and sixte of Peor Laton. After a lengthy illness, hravely borne. Funeral Service at St Saviours Church, Brockenhurst on Tuesday, 25th November at 12 mem. Donations in har memory may be sant for Causer Bessenth Campaign, e/o Diamond & Son F/D, Lymington, SO41 9DK.

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November 1997 peacafully at Home (aged 77). Beloved Husband of Diam Mangaret. Adored Daddie of Nina, Lesley and Shawa and Treasured Grandad, Burial Service at Shiphale Partial Church at 11.30 am, on Friday 28th November. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cheshive Homes (India) c/o Tomalin & Som, Healey-on-Thames Tel; (01491)-573370.

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the Fighter Phots in the Sky on November 18th 1997. Donations to RAF FAIREM-SHITH - John, died peacefully on Tuesday 18th Rovember following a short but course or inches fines. A man for all seasons, he touched the lives of so many with his warinth, friendship and generatry. His indomitable spirit will never be become fourly love and sadly missed by Gwan, Robert, Vanessa and all members of his extended family.

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a Tanksgiving Service to be amounced later. HESTER - W.C. (Sqd. Ldr. RAF Letd) peacefully at home in Consessed star times peace of tillness. Bill, much loved less and of Branco Johnson

on November 18th aged 70. Hypeand of Valerie and much loved father of Fhilippa and Claudia. Femeral at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday November 25th at 230 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Musicians Senevolent Fund of Leveston & Sons. 212 Eventheit Rune, WWI IRII.

John Alexander, much loved husband of Joan, and dawnest daddy of Helen father and grandfather. Translegiving Service at St Peter's Church, Great Wallingiam, Nortolk on Tuesday November 25th at 2.30 pm. Family Howers only, but if desired donations for The Imperial Cancar Research Fund clo S.T. Sutton, Burnt Street, Wile 25th November 25th November 297. His funeral cancar Research Fund clo S.T. Sutton, Burnt Street, Wile 25th November at 12 noon, but despital on Sunday 16th November at 12 noon, further than the service takes place at the service takes place

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# **OBITUARIES**

# JOYCE WETHERED

Joyce Wethered (Lady Heathcoat Amory), golfer, died on November 18 aged 96. She was born on November 17, 1901.

oyce Wethered was the most stylish and successful woman golfer of her day, and is still widely regarded as the best the world has seen. Becoming English Ladies Champion in 1920 when she was not quite 19, she held the title for five consecutive years, playing 33 matches without defeat. She went on to be four times winner of the British Ladies' Open, in 1922, 1924, 1925 and 1929. She also played several important international matches, captaining the British team in three competitions; and she won the mixed foursomes at Worplesdon eight times in fifteen years, with seven different partners. Bobby Jones, the great American golfer, after play-ing her at St Andrews in 1931, said he doubted whether there had ever been a better player, man or woman. Joyce Wethered was born at Brook

near Godalming in Surrey and educated privately there, being considered too frail for school. It was on childhood holidays that she first experienced golf. At Bude in Cornwall there were games on a windswept headland, and at Domoch in the Highlands, where the family took a house overlooking the links, there were highly competitive contests with her brother Roger, captain of the Oxford team as an under graduate and himself prominent in the British game as a gifted amateur for a decade after the First World War.

Apart from a single golf lesson from

Tom Lyle, the professional at Bude, Wethered learnt her golf mainly by imitation, talking to her brother and his friends about technique, and watching and studying such great players as Harry Vardon, John H. Taylor and Jones. She had perfect balance, and a seemingly effortless swing, economical yet full of power. She was a perfectionist, and an outstanding stylist, with sound judgment and a full range of accurate, elegant shots.

Her temperament was perhaps her greatest strength. Calm and purposeful in competition, she liked to say that she aimed always to play the course, not her opponent. Her concentration was famous. A railway line runs alongside the course at Sharingham in Norfolk, and the story was often told of how. having brought off a crucial putt as a train rattled past the 17th, she was asked whether she had not been distracted by the noise. "What train?" was her response.

It was at Sheringham that she began her long run of championship form in 1920. Hers was an improbable and



months short of her 19th birthday, and playing no higher than number 6 in the Surrey county team, she travelled to Norfolk for that year's English Ladies' Golf Championship only because a Surrey team-mate, Molly Griffith, persuaded her to come along. Despite being on the point of coming down with whooping cough, she played through to reach the final, where she won a remarkable victory over the redoubtable Cecil Leitch, then the dominant figure in women's golf.
"It was throughout a match full of dramatic incident," The Times observed.

The most dramatic thing about it was that Leitch should have been defeated at all, let alone by a young unexpected national debut. Still live vunknown. She had not been beaten in a prof 1922, however, Wethered triumphed 1951, She had no children.

golfing queen has arisen," one newspaper headline proclaimed. Wethered won the Ladies' Open again in 1922, 1924 (when she knocked out Leitch in the fifth round), and 1925 (when she beat her in a gripping and hard-fought final). After the last of

once more, impressing spectators at

Sandwich (and rattling Leitch) with her inspired strokes and extraordinary

coolness under pressure. "A new

these wins she retired from competition, but was persuaded back to contest the Ladies' Open once more, on the Old Course at St Andrews in 1929, There she met another formidable opponent. the American champion Glenna Col-lett, and came back from five down after 11 boles to prevail in a memorable

She retired from competition once more, but captained the British women's team in the first Curus Cup in 1929, against France in 1931, and against America in 1932. In 1933 she took a job as a golf adviser in the sports department of Fortnum and Mason. In 1935 she was paid £4,000 for a tour of America, in which she played more than 50 exhibition matches and advertised equipment. She was not entirely happy with her new-found professional status, however, and was eventually reinstated as an amateur in

By then she was married to Sir John Heathcoat Amory, 3rd Bt, a noted Devon sportsman, and proprietor of a long-established family business making lace. An earlier engagement to the Scottish golfer Major Cecil Hutchinson had been broken off. Golf was no longer such an important part of her life after her marriage in 1937, though in 1948 she and her husband reached the final of the Worplesdon mixed foursomes, a competition which she had done much to promote since 1921 and which she had won eight times before her marriage, despite being hampered by the occasional hopeless pariner.

She and her husband lived at Knightshayes House, near Tiverton, an elaborate and eccentric Victorian Gothic edifice, where they built up a fine collection of pictures and a celebrated garden; Lady Heathcoat Amory was awarded the Royal Horticultural Society's Victoria Medal of Honour.

She continued to live at Knightshayes after her husband's death in 1972, when the house passed into the custody of the National Trust and the best of the pictures, including works by Lancret, Poussin and Memling, were donated to museums. She retained her interest in golf, having become the first president of the English Ladies' Golf Association in

# WILFRED JOSEPHS

Wilfred Josephs composer, died on November 18 aged 70. He was born on July 24, 1927.

UNUSUALLY for a composer, especially for one with so busy a professional life, Wilfred Josephs claimed that his principal recreation was "writing music. The long list of his works, in many different forms, suggests that composition came easily and agreeably to him, but the high degree of craftsmanship that went into his music was of an order not lightly won nor casually exercised. The craftsmanship, together

with his versatility and a capacity for making a ready appeal to wide audiences, suggest that he might have been more at home in an age with a more settled musical language - perhaps in the 18th century as a Telemann or a Pergolesi. Yet he formed his own attractive, post-Romantic vernacular, finding his idiom not primarily through the study of his English seniors, and used it to great effect in light music and music for television as well as in his more ambitious works. Born in Newcastle, Josephs

first studied dentistry, qualifying as BDS from Durham University and practising as a dental officer during his army service in 1951-53. However, a growing interest in music kindled by earlier lessons from Arthur Milner led him eventually to abandon ideas of a dental career. He won a scholarship to the Guildhall School of Music in 1954. From study here with Alfred Nieman he went to Paris on a Leverhulme Scholarship to study with Max Deutsch in 1958-59. Prizes, commissions and performances quickly came his way, but his international fame really dates from 1963, when his Requiem won the first La Scala and City of Milan Competition and received its premiere there under Carlo Maria Giulini.

Written in memory of the Jewish dead in the war, the Requiem draws on the Hebrew Kaddish Prayer for the Dead, and is essentially a meditation in ten movements. nine of them slow, with reflective sections for string quintet and orchestra alone between the solo and choral passages.



The work made a great and immediate impression, and confirmed Josephs as a composer with the ability to write seriously in a style that had immediate appeal. It also suggested that his essential musical nature was Romantic, although this by no means excluded a sharp wit, as was shown by the many light pieces and dance arrangements that went with his more ambitious concertos, overtures, instrumental sonatas and 12 symphonies. Consistent in all his music is a freshness of invention, a clear sense

of structure and an excellent

ear for instrumental sound. With his strongly lyrical manner, Josephs was drawn to opera. The Nottingham Captain (1962) had a text by Arnold Wesker, and other works included a successful children's musical. The King of the Coast, followed in 1978 and 1988 by two more children's operas for the Harro-

gate Festival based on Lewis Carroll's Alice books. These gave children readily accessible music to sing without making any artistic compromises. However, his greatest operatic success came with Rebecca for Opera North in 1983. Daphne du Maurier's story well suited his sense of atmosphere, his mastery of orchestral expression and his skill in writing strong, sing-able melodies, even if much of the score seems to illustrate the plot rather than to lead it dramatically. The work received an ovation at its Leeds premiere, and was sold out for the whole of the first season ---

no mean achievement for a new opera.

Josephs's qualities of craftsmanship and ready appeal found a natural outlet in music for film and television. His scores helped to characterise television series including Creatures Great and Small, I, Claudius, Swallows and Amazons, Cider with Rosie and many more, though perhaps he was most celebrated for the evocative, elegiac music he wrote for The Great War. He was music consultant to the London International Film School.

Josephs also held visiting professorships and acted as composer in residence at the University of Wisconsin, at Roosevelt University, Chicago, and at Ohio State University. He played an active part in English musical life on behalf of composers and their interests, serving the Composers' Guild and as a member of the council of the Royal Philharmonic Society. Generous with his time and warm in his dealings with his fellow-musicians, he also had the pleasant sense of humour that can be heard in some of his light music, not least the Aelian Dances and Monkchester Dances after Newcastle tunes. His northern roots combined fruitfully with his Jewish roots, and it was appropriate that he should have received an honorary doctorate in music from Newcastle University in 1978.

He married, in 1956, Valerie Wisbey. She survives him. together with their two

# DR ANDREW PEARSON

Dr Andrew Pearson, OBE, physician and missionary, died on November 7 aged 75. He was born on December 10, 1921.

ANDREW PEARSON was a medical missionary - a man of remarkable practicality, inspired inwardly by a firm and constant Christian faith. He was a physician, surgeon, obsterrician, paediatrician, hospital administrator, lay preacher, builder, even plumber. Andrew Pearson was born

in China, the son of a Methodist doctor who had established his own local hospital in Shasyang. Hunan. At the age of five, he came to school in England, at Glossop, and later studied medicine at Liverpool, where he qualified in 1944. After house posts there, he obtained a diploma in tropical medicine, and then took up service, it seemed inevitably. in China, where he quickly



gained a command of Mandarin. In Hankow and then Wuhan, he was called upon for both surgery and some general medicine, and had to learn to be very adaptable.

The core of his professional life was, however, to be spent in Africa, where he was medical superintendent of the Wesley Guild Hospital at Ilesha in

utmost modesty and honesty. how problems of water shortage, power failure, staff problems and government indifference or even interference were all overcome to maintain care for a population of around 100,000.

But he and his few col-leagues achieved much more. This small hospital was to gain world renown. It was there that Dr David Morley introduced his Under Fives Clinics, treating young child-ren free and so identifying the commonest causes of illness and death in an area where originally 45 per cent of children were dying by the age of five. The growth charts, checking nutritional status, were adopted internationally.

Pearson became convinced that the sort of doctor who could bring the greatest benefit in such a community Nigeria from 1952 to 1975. His was a generalist, turning his history of the hospital, pubor her hand to most kinds of

lished in 1996, tells, with the hospital work but who also had local knowledge and could share much of the primary care service with nonphysicians. Pearson became the first full-time director of training in the Faculty of General Medical Practice in Ibadan. He was later to share his enthusiasm with the World Health Organisation, the World Organisation of

ladies' match on level terms since

1913. Wethered's surprise victory

marked the start of an exciting and

absorbing rivalry, keenly followed by

the public. The two women's styles

were very different, with the powerful

Leitch appearing almost flamboyant by comparison with the graceful youn-

er woman.
Wethered, who was to retain the

English Ladies Golf Championship for the next four years, met Leitch twice in 1921. On both occasions — at

Turnberry in the final of the British

Ladies' Open Amateur Championship, which Lettch had held since 1914, and

in the final of the French Open at

Fontainebleau - the older woman had

the upper hand. In the British Ladies'

International Medicine (AIM), to which he became medical consultant in 1989. In his busy retirement, sadly and suddenly cut short, he travelled in Nigeria, Zambia, Nepal, China, Western Samoa and the Philippines, always campaigning for the medical

Family Doctors and Action in

generalist. He met Jean Frost (sister of Sir David) when both were active in the Student Christian Movement. They married in 1948 in China. She survives him, as do three sons and a

Jack Lane, DFC, bookseller, died on November 6 aged 88. He was born on May 6, 1909.

IT WAS once said that the spines of several Fleet Street literary editors had been permanently bent by the weight of books they had regularly borne to Jack Lane, whose bookshop, Gaston's, was known in the trade as "the knackers' yard".

Lane and his partner, Leonard Frank, noticed in 1948 that, with the easing of paper rationing, review copies were flooding into the bookshops in and around Fleet Street. By buying the books at roughly a third of their published price from reviewers and then selling them on to public libraries at two thirds a good living

could be made. So Lane and Frank, who had worked at the City bookshop of Alfred Wilson, put their idea into practice by taking over the bookshop of Thomas J. Gaston, off the Strand (they later moved to Chancery Lane). Distin-guished reviewers such as Anthony Burgess, A. J. P. Taylor and A. L. Rowse were soon carrying carrier bags of review copies to the pokey little shop, all anxious to enjoy an agreeable tax-free perk.

Lane and Frank, later joined by their partner, Charles Driscoll, pioneered and cornered the market in the resale of review copies, fighting off competition from Harrods. At one point, the Inland Revenue

JACK LANE

threatened Jack Lambert, the literary editor of The Sunday Times, with a hefty tax bill. But in a famous case (famous among reviewers, that is) it was established that review copies were "tools of the trade" and, as such, exempt from tax. It took the ending of the Net Book Agreement to put Gas-ton's out of business. But Lane himself had retired from the shop many years earlier to pursue his passion for London history, including visiting ev-

ery square on foot. John Downes Lane, the son of a Royal Navy captain, came from a musical family. His mother, Anna, was an accomplished cellist and his younger sister. Barbara, was a singer with the Royal Opera at Covent Garden. Lane himself had an excellent ear for music. and after a history degree at Keble College, Oxford, he

became history master at Oak-

ham School, Rutland, where he enjoyed sneaking into the chapel to play the organ. As a teacher in the 1930s, he

toured Europe extensively by car and his many visits to Germany included a trip to the 1936 Berlin Olympics, where he saw Hitler arrive to mass adulation. When war broke out. Lane

volunteered for the Navv. but was turned down because of poor eyesight. Still keen, he volunteered for air crew and, thanks to the inscrutable wisdom of the authorities, found himself selected by the RAF for duty as an air-gunner. where eyesight was all-important. As an old boy of Wellington College, he was delighted to be flying in Wellington bombers. He survived 59 sorties with Bomber Command. He was commissioned in

1942 and awarded the DFC in 1944 for sustained gallantry

during the whole of his first tour of operations. He would recall with delight his scariest moment in Bomber Command: not facing the enemy guns and fighters over Germany, but on a training mission over England, when he inadvertently trod on an unsecured hatch in the belly of a Wellington bomber. The hatch disappeared into

thin air, and was almost followed by Lane, who was saved only because his bulky flying kit jammed him by the shoulders. With his legs dangling out of the aeroplane. his desperate shouts went unheeded above the roar of the engines but, after half an hour, he was discovered by crew member and dragged to safety. The RAF seemed more concerned about the loss of the hatch than the near loss of a budding aviator. Lane was put on a charge and fined £2 for losing government property.

In the grimmer years that followed, luck played a part in Lane's survival. He took part in the Nuremberg raid of March 1944, when 782 bombers were dispatched and 106 were lost. At the last moment, Lane was switched to a different plane. The crew he was originally to have flown with were all killed. It was this experience that made him an active member of the RAF church of St Clement Danes in the Strand, where he achieved a record 800 consecutive attendances.

Although once engaged. Lane never married.

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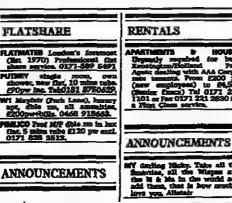
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IT WAS a drizzling morning, wintry and wet, at a certain port in France. Crowds of men on leave came off the boat and were met by the Military Landing Officer A distinguished civilian or two, looking the worse for wear, slipped off, and then came the little company of the WAACs, an officer at their head, neat in their warm khaki coats over their khaki coat-frocks, their stout brown shoes, and their new serviceable pull-on felt hats, each with her soldier-like pack on her neat back. The WAAC Area Controller and the Disembarcation Officer came forward to welcome them; the NCO or forewornan of the group saw to the luggage, which was piled on to an Army lorry by willing Tommies, and then in brisk military formation, four deep, they marched off to the waterside hostel, an annexe to the Soldiers' Institute, where a hot meal awaited them and where they were to stay the night. As they passed

# ON THIS DAY

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These members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, forerunners of WRNS, WRACs, and WAAFs, were more powerful than any suffragette in the cause of votes for women.

through the town, poilus (French infantrymen], with the hoods of their weather capes pulled over their caps, looked at them curiously, and an occasional Frenchwoman, not yet used to the novelty of them, glanced their way with a "comme elles sont gentilles, ces petites soldates." Otherwise France took them as a matter of course. A night was spent at the waterside hostel, sleeping on the floor on army "biscuits" [mattresses]. and then up betimes in the morning. Some of them were cooks, some telegra-

Through pleasant France, with its hedgeless, well-cultivated fields and here and there a poilu in "civvies" spending his leave cultivating his land, or a group of women gleaners sharply silhouetted against the sky; or through the cider-apple country they went their several ways to hostels or billets in historic towns or to great camps filled with the caterpillar-like Nissen huts. A party was going to the famous Queen Mary's camp at the greatest base of all. Little streets of huts stretched before us as we arrived, the pavement by them shielded from the weather - for no WAAC may carry an umbrella - so that the business of life went on though the rain fell. Their camp coats were taken and hung in the drying shed. In the distance they could hear the bugle calls from the men's camp: from the YWCA hut near by the sounds of a WAAC Company going through their 20 min-utes' weekly drill, and when it ceased it was followed by the tune of a wellknown waltz played by one of the girls.

### HEWS

# Queen celebrates golden day

The Queen yesterday celebrated her golden wedding anniversary with a thanksgiving service at Westminster Abbey, a ball at Windsor Castle, and an assurance that the monarchy was in touch with its government and people.

With her husband and Prime Minister listening appreciatively, she told Tony Blair and 350 guests at a "people's banquet" in Whitehall that the Royal Family must heed public opinion if it was to adapt to the future .. .. Pages 1, 2, 3

#### Tax plan to curb company cars

Firms paying for train and bus travel for staff could claim tax exemption under plans to curb the company car culture. Gordon Brown's pre-Budget speech next week will herald a shake-up of taxes on employee travel to encourage use of public transport but reduce leisure use of company cars ...... Page 1

#### Bank backs Blair

Tony Blair is benefitting from Labour's improved links with business after securing the backing of Barclays Bank for his Sedgefield constituency

#### Butcher's charge

A 24-year-old Welsh butcher who decided that a re-enactment of a Wars of the Roses battle was not bloody enough was jailed after single-handedly routing both

#### Prison play

One of the men freed after 18 years when his conviction for the murder of Carl Bridgewater was quashed has written a play about the pain of imprisonment. It is being staged by Vanessa and Corin Redgrave....

#### Murder trial

The daughter of an RAF officer told a jury that her mother suspected he was having an affair, a month before he is alleged to have killed her ...

#### Victim's revenge

The victim of a sexual attack tricked her way into a prison cell so she could personally lambast her assailant...

#### Baby inquest haited

A doctor faces manslaughter charges after a coroner halted a baby's inquest and referred the papers to the Crown Prosecution ......Page 8

#### Hindley challenge

Myra Hindley, 54, the moors murderer, is to legally challenge the Home Secretary's confirmation that she must spend the rest of her life in jail .....

#### Take That

Robbie Williams, 23, the pop singer and former member of Take That, is facing a bill of up to El million after losing a High Court case brought by his former . Page 10

#### Yeltsin purge

President Yeltsin ordered sweeping changes in his Cabinet and demoted two young deputy Prime Ministers in the forefront of Russia's reforms .... .. Page 12

### Onassis 'mystery'

The death nine years ago of Christina Onassis, mother of the heiress to the £500m Onassis fortune, remains a mystery, according to Stelios Papadimitriou. president of the Onassis Foun-

### Saddam 'victory'

With his iron grip on Iraq's propaganda machine, President Saddam Hussein had little difficulty presenting his climbdown over weapons inspections as a major ..... Pages I, 14, 15 victory ....

#### Rwanda battle

More than 300 people were killed when about 1,500 Hutu extremists attacked a Rwandan jail to try to free prisoners \_\_\_\_\_ Page 16

# internet family home in on Colchester

An American family worried by rising crime logged on to the Internet to scan the world for a safe home. One night they finally found what they were looking for — on a closed circuit television camera broadcasting from Colchester, Essex. Now, nine months after beginning to watch the live pictures, they



The Duke of Edinburgh and Cherie Blair enjoy the royal golden wedding celebrations in Whitehall yesterday Pages 1, 2, 3

Coal job cuts: Around 5,000 jobs will go from the British coal industry and output will drop by a third, according to a Brussels assessment of the UK industry.....Page 25

> Hanson exit: Robert Hanson is to leave the board of the public company co-founded by his father, Lord Hanson, to spend more time with the family's private transport

Economy: Pressure for another interest rate increase eased as economic data offered evidence that the economy is slowing .....Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index rose 78.3 points to close at 4908.4. Sterline's trade-weighted index rose from 103.8 to 104.3 after a rise from \$1.6902 to \$1.6958 and from DM2.9288 to DM2.9358 \_\_ Page 28

Football: Christian Gross has begun his rescue mission to revive: Tottenham, who are languishing in the depths of the Premiership with little apparent hope...... Page 48

Charles Charles

Rugby union: New Zealand's players walked round Old Trafford, preparing for their match with England and aspiring to the global heights achieved by Manchester

Cricket: The Australian players'

union has sent a written warning to

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# MATTHEW PARRIS

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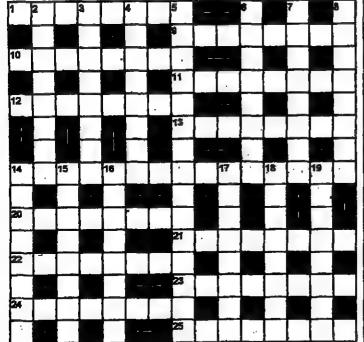
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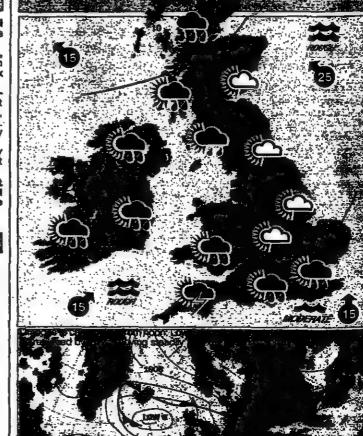
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# Crisis in coal puts 5,000 jobs at risk

THE COAL industry faces savage cutbacks next year, with nearly 5,000 job losses and output from deep mines falling by a third, according to figures based on Depart-ment of Trade and Industry estimates submitted to the European Commission.

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The stark outlook for coal in the UK will be made public next month by the Commission. It comes at a critical time for the industry as RJB Mining - Britain's biggest pro-- negotiates new contracts with the electricity generators. The contracts are the first to be negotiated in the private sector and will rim eger corrent Bovernment-ar-

ramed deals end next March. The DIT said that it supplied figures to the Commis-sion based on industry estimates. But RJB disputes this, saying it had challenged DTI figures as overly pessi-mistic. A spokesman said:

in interest rates eased yester-

day after key economic data offered evidence that the

economy is starting to slow.

revised downwards while

money supply and mort-gage data showed a slow-

down in growth. The latest

Confederation of British Industry survey also pointed to a worsening outlook in the manufacturing sector.

The weaker-than-expected data beloed the stock mar-ket to climb to its highest

level for two weeks. The FISE 100 closed up 78.3, at

4,908.4, helped by a strong-

Third-quarter GDP was

"We are still talking. We don't know what the final purcome will be yet. But we tritend to RIB repeated its call for a halt

to gas-fired power stations pending a full energy review.

The estimates of such a big-reduction in the workforce and output implies the closure of about ten pits. Industry insiders have given warning that if that happens the coal industry would be too small to support vital service companies and would die The Commission's report

will say that miners directly employed in deep wines will fall from 9,900 this year to a fall from 9,900 this year to a yearly average of 6,700 next year, with the end-year workforce projected at 5,000. About 20,000 people are employed in the coal ladustry, including opencast mines. It is estimated that service industries, such as mining equipment, employ another 12,000.

ly consumer spending growth — from 15 per cent

Andrew Cates, UK econo mist at UBS, said "It is

highly unlikely that we will

see a further rate rise when

the monetary policy com-

But Kevin Darlington, UK economist at Houre

Govert, said strong employment income growth is like-

ly to underpin consumer

spending into next year and above trend growth would

The CBI reported manu-

facturers expectations of

output growth at a two-year

low because of weakened export orders it predicted

that rates will rise once more

to 7.5 per cent, and stay there until the end of 1998.

to 1.2 per cent

Slowdown eases

rate rise pressure

By ALASDAIR MURRAY AND PHILIP BASSETT

PRESSURE for an increase ed to a slowdown its quarter-

Another 18,000 jobs are said to be dependent on mining.

The Commission figures will inflame the growing political row over coal and the Government's refusal to intervene. John Grogan, MP for Selby, said: "These official DII figures will send terrible shock waves through the coal-field communities. We need an energy policy co-ordinated at Cabinet level to avoid the crisis in coal we are facing."

Pat Carragher, general sec-retary of the British Associ-ation of Colliery Managers, said the forecast could prove "darkly accurate". He added: They emphasise the urgency with which the Government must address the issue."

Sam Matkin, general secretary of the supervisory staff section of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, said: "If coal falls to this level you can say the industry is finished. Suppliers will close down and millions of tonnes of reserves will be lost."

Dave Parry, of the Coalfield Communities Campaign, ech-ded industry calls for an end to the Government's approval of gas-fired power stations to secure a future role for coal. Uniess a clear signal is giver that there is a future for the industry there will be no confidence in coal, jobs will be lost and the crisis will continue," he said.

Yesterday PowerGen, the second-biggest generator, told RJB that it could satisfy its coal needs without any stock from RJB. The company has arranged deals for half of its coal needs beyond current contracts through imports and smaller UK suppliers. Ed Wallis, chairman, said that PowerGen would buy a small amount of coal from RJB if it

cuts prices by 15 per cent.

The Labour Government's position on coal has come under attack from its backbenchers and from the Conservatives. Next week an allparty group of MPs will meet to discuss the coal crisis ahead of an adjournment debate on

PowerGen fight, page 26



Yesterday he said it was

always a misconception that

he was to succeed his father. "I

didn't join thinking I was

going to become chairman," he said. "I was employed to do

a specific job that I had trained

He said the "new" Hanson,

concentrated on building ma-

terials, was less of a challenge

chairman of Hanson Trans-

port Group, the family trans-

port and distribution

company. Its largest clients are ICI, Zeneca and House of

Mr Hanson had been spear-

heading attempts to find a buyer for Grove Worldwide,

Hanson's crane-making

Robert Hanson is already

to do at Rothschilds."

# End of the family line at Hanson

ROBERT HANSON is to leave the board of the public company co-founded by Lord Hanson, his father, to spend more time with the family's private transport business. The 37-year-old will receive about £330,000 compensation for the 18 months left on his contract as corporate develop-

ment director. The move marks the end of an era at Hanson plc, which has been stimmed through demerger and disposal into a shadow of the conglomerate built by Lord Hanson and Lord White. Lord Hanson retires as chairman at the end of the year, when his son also

Robert Hanson was seen by some as heir-apparent when appointed to the board in 1992, joining from NM Rothschild, the merchant bank, at the age



Robert Hanson: departing

# MMC to look into City charges

BY PAUL DURMAN

THE City stands accused of overcharging companies when raising money for them, and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is to investigate.

City methods of underwriting issues of shares have been re-ferred to the MMC by the Office of Fair Trading, which is unhappy about the level of commission companies must pay when arranging equity finance. Investment banks have tried to address the concerns by inviting investors (known as subunderwriters) to offer to accept lower commissions, previously fixed by convention.

John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, yesterday said that these innovations had not gone far enough, He said: "I remain concerned that competition is not working effectively in this market. In spite of some tendering for sub-underwriting, the fees charged allowed subunderwriters to make substantial profits over and above what might be regarded as reasonable."

Critics argue that subunderwriting commissions bear little relation to the often negligible risks that investors bear in guaranteeing the takeup of a share issue.

The OFT said that more

than half the 60 rights issues it has studied over the past year have employed standard fees. Traditionally these total 2 per cent, with 1.25 per cent paid to sub-underwriters, 0.25 per cent paid to the broker and the remaining 0.5 per cent kept by the investment bank.

Some merchant bankers expressed surprise at the OFT move. One said that City fees are far below the 7 to 10 per cent common in New York. This, however, ignores the discount on new shares, often 10 per cent.

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#### Guinness inquiry costs £3.1m

THE ten-year investigation by Department of Trade and Industry inspectors into the Guinness affair has cost the taxpayer £3.1 million, Lord Simon of Highbury, Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, informed the House of Lords yesterday, in a written reply.

Publication of the final report into the Guinness affair, compiled by inspectors David Donaldson, QC, and Ian Watt, is due next week.

# BG to boost exploration by selling £800m estate

BG, the gas pipeline and exploration group, is planning a wholesale sell-off of its vast property portfolio. The company is hoping to secure a single buyer for a package of real estate valued in its books at some 5800 million in an effort to redeploy resources into its expanding gas explora-tion and international businesses.

BG is already selling key sites and has just agreed terms with Berkeley Group I for the sale of a 32-acre site next to Chelsea Harbour, West London. Berkeley paid between £25 million and £30 million and plans a £100 million residential and commercial development BG has more than 1,000 properties,

sites. Philip Hampton, chief executive. hopes to package many sites in a single deal, similar to the recent Ministry of Defence sale of sites. BG's portfolio is worth \$800 million, but costs of restoring contaminated land will cut proceeds. FiG has provisions of £350 million for environmental liabilities.

BG lifted pre-tax profits to E21 million, from E18-million, in the third quarter, making £780 million for the nine months to September. Upstream exploration turned in a £62 million profit for the sine months, against last year's £28 million Joss. Transco profits rose by £114 million to £786 million.

# Conran and BAA fight over duty-free sales

A ROW broke out last night between Sir Terence Couran, the design guru and London restaurateur, and BAA,

the privatised airports operator. The row erupted over a letter by Sir Terence to The Times accusing BAA of exploiting taxpayers by selling duty-free goods at prices only marginally lower than in the high street.

Sir Terence, who earlier this mouth designed the surroundings for the Anglo-French summit at Canary Wharf, said: "The fact that we, as taxpayers, subsidise their duty-free sales is really a disgrace and enormously to the benefit of BAA shareholders."

Tempus. page 28 | He went on to attack the general quality of airports, saying: They are

BY RAYMOND SNODDY AND DOMINIC WALSH

ing a calm, welcoming and wellorganised environment for travellers."
For BAA, Des Wilson, responded by calling Sir Terence "a national bore". He added: "It's time he shut up and made a better job of running his restaurants. He speaks for nobody, not the retailers, not the passengers and not the airlines, only for himself."

Mr Wilson said that airport customers wanted more retailing. "More than half of our income comes from retailing which we spend on providing national airports and infrastructure free of charge. If anything, it's the taxpayers who are being subsidised."

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# Granada digital aiming to rival BSkyB



GERRY ROBINSON, Granada's chairman, yesterday pre-dicted that the crampany's move into digital nerrestrial television would create another British Sky Broad-casting in terms of value. In partnership with Cariton

Communications, Granada has a 50 per cent state in British Digital Broadcasting, which launches 12 digital ter-restrial channels in the final quarter next year. Mr Robinson said he saw no reason Robinson: prediction ... why the launch should not take place on schedule despite regulatory uncertainty, add-

ing that talks with Brussels were in the final stage. He conceded he might not

be able to serve as chairman of BSkyB, in which Granada has a large stake, and on the BDB board. BSkyR, in which News International, owner of The Times, has a 40 per cent stake, is to be a major programme supplier to BDB.

tive, said that digital terrestri-

al represented a very low-cost

entry to pay TV" for Granada. About 90 per cent of the costs would be in programmes and the venture would have start-

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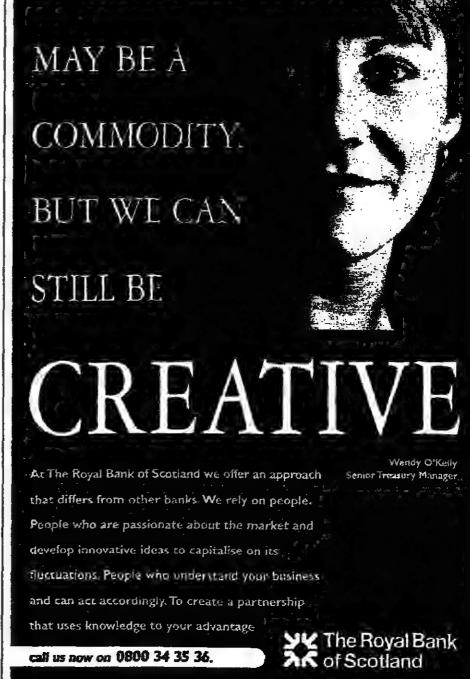
up costs of just £75 million. Revenues from subscription TV would surpass that of TV advertising in 2004. The group's media division, which includes Granada TV, LWT and Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television, reported an 18 per cent rise in operating Charles Allen, chief execuprofit to £188 million. Profits at hospitality rose 41 per cent as tion came through strongly.

Group profits before tax and emeptional items rose by 35 per cent, to £650 million, on turnover up from £3.82 billion to £4.09 billion. Adjusted earnings rose 20 per cent to 50.6p a share. A final dividend of 9.84p gives a 14.5p (13.0p) total. Mr Robinson said: "It's

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very unlikely you'll see a

major acquisition from us in



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# Storehouse says retail spending is back up

growth was disappointing and that its attempts to transform

its flagship Bhs store are still

operating profit of £40 million (£37.3 million) from its contin-

uing stores, which took earnings per share to 6.6p (6.1p). Profits of Bhs rose by 9.7 per

cent, to £27.5 million, in the six

months to October 11, after two

new stores opened and 76

stores were given a refit under

a £65.5 million spending pro-gramme. The chain's like-for-like sales grew by 1.3 per cent. Mothercare sales rose by 12

per cent, to £245 million, after

progress by new edge-of-town branches. Keith Edelman,

group chief executive, said

that although these gains were

often at the expense of high-street Mothercare branches.

the chain saw underlying

Mr Edelman said that the

division's profits continued to

be lifted by strong underlying

demand from the baby boom.

offsetting the loss of sales to

more fashionable branded

clothes for children aged four

to ten. He said: The four to

ten-year-olds make up i per

BBC is already rationing Tele-

tubbies dolls to 100 per store.

due to be flown in from the Far

East after Christmas, but Mr

Edelman said that he expects

The interim dividend rises

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by four to one.

per cent of that."

sales improve by 9 per cent.

The company made a flat

in their infancy.

STOREHOUSE yesterday be- Storehouse's like-for-like sales came one of the first highstreet retailers to confirm the October retail spending bounce, reporting that sales across the Bhs to Mothercare group have risen by 9.4 per cent in the past five weeks.

The company's shares edged up by ½ p. to 235² p, as it said that profits lost in September seem set to be reclaimed in the run up to Christmas, contradicting other retailers' forecasts that the

money is lost for good. However, the City said that

# Members vote for **AMP** flotation

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY, INSURANCE CURRESPONDENT

ALMOST two million members of Australian Mutual Provident (AMP) have voted overwhelmingly in favour of the group's demutualisation. The vote paves the way for 170,000 UK policyholders to receive windfalls of £2.500 each next year.

Just over half of the potential 19 million votes ere cast in favour of the A\$11 billion flotation (E4.5 billion), the world's biggest demutualisation.

A total of 98.3 per cent of those who voted were in favour and 182,000 voted against.

George Trumbull, man-aging director, will person-ally receive a million free shares from the time of the listing next summer. They could be worth up to A\$10 million on top of his A\$17.8

The shares will be distributed early next year to members but dealing will

not begin until the summer.



Chris Martin, left, Storehouse finance director, and Keith Edelman are at odds with other retailers' Christmas forecasts.

# PowerGen ready to renew fight for Rec

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

POWERGEN is to renew its fight to buy a regional electricity company (Rec) if the Government signals support for vertically integrated energy companies in its judgment on the Pacificorp bid for The Energy Group. The company confirmed

cent of group sales, so we're not too worried on that front. that it has had initial talks Our strength comes from the with a number of groups baby market, and through all covering a wide range of potential deals. But Ed Wallis, our stores we have around 20 The City was less convinced, chairman, repeated his view however, with many brokers that competition would be best downgrading recommenda-tions. One analyst said: "Their served by five or six large vertically integrated players, overall business is in the young involved in the provision of end, true enough, but when the baby cycle dips, they will be first to get it in the neck." Mr Edelman said that the

to plug. "Until that structure is in place the real benefits of competition will not flow

PowerGen held informal talks with the Government at the Labour Party conference but Mr Wallis said that vertical integration was already evident through joint ventures and through British Gas's move into electricity.

PowerGen was blocked from buying Midlands Elec-tricity by the Conservative Government in a surprise ruling that overturned a Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission report. There has

been speculation that Power-Gen wants to take a 50 per cent stake in Midlands but is also looking at Cinergy, the US company that owns half of Milding

PowerGen lifted pre-tax profits for the half year to September 30 by 12 per cent, to E154 million. After its windfall tax bill of £196 million and other tax charges the genera-tor lost \$30 million. Its interim dividend, payable December 31, was raised 15 per cent to 9p. Adjusted earnings rose to 18.1p a share from 15.5p.

# Babcock cost-cutting to go on

BY ADAM JONES

dling - made a pre-tax profit

planned at the yard.

There have been long queues for the weekly deliveries, with stocks selling out within 30 minutes. Spice Girl dolls are BABCOCK International, the engineering group; incurred a pre-tax loss of £15.5 million in the first half, as it continued its

> Babcock, which owns the Rosyth dockyard in Scotland, made a profit of £3.1 million before an £18.6 million excep

tional loss on the sale of its of £9 million, compared to £9.7 million in 1996, on turnover of process engineering division to Amec in September, Dr £245.6 million. John Parker, chairman, said

Babcock's restructuring was neering and Shipbuilding of Japan ended their bid for the Babcock's newly identified core activities -- facilities manloss-making Africa operations. An interim of 0.69p agement and materials han-(0.625p) is due on January 30.

# **ED&F Man** doubles first-half profits

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BY RICHARD MILES

THE sale of five cocoa processing plants has helped to more than double first-half pre-tax profits at ED&F Man, the agricultural products to financial services group.

Profits for the six months to September 30 were £61.2 million, against £27.2 million in the previous year. Excluding earnings from the cocoa sale, profits rose 51 per cent to £39.7

Strongest growth came in financial services — a range of futures and commodities funds aimed at wealthy pri-vate investors — which inproved 75 per cent. The agricultural division saw a 27 per cent rise in profits. .

Financial services now ac count for nearly 60 per cent of ED&F Man's revenues, com-pared with less than half 12

months ago. Shares in ED&F Man, majority-controlled by management and staff, rose 12p to lifted their forecasts for the group's end of year profits to above £90 million.

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# for BCCI fraud

AN ACCOUNTANT who kept records of a \$1.2 billion (£710 million) fraud on his office computer has been tailed for 512 years at the Central Criminal Court, in the last of six trials arising from the collapse of BCCI, the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Abdul Chiragh, 53, was convicted on Wednesday of false accounting, conspiracy to defraud and perverting the ordered to pay £20,000 costs. The outcome marks a "full house" for the Serious Fraud Office (SFO), working with the City of London Police, which has won convictions in all the

BCCI trials. The cost of the investigation and trials has been put at £16 million. Chiragh played a small yet crucial role, creating false accounts with a view to deceiving BCCI's auditors, Price Waterhouse. The accounts were used to back up fictions multimillion-pound transfers between BCCI and



Chiragh: £20,000 costs

Gulf Group, a shipping group run from Geneva.

Chiragh produced bogus counts for more than 40 offshore companies. Police who raided his offices in Tooting, South London, found details of a \$1.2 billion "IOU" between BCCI and Gulf Group on his computer. Abbas Gokal, former Gulf Group chairman, was senrenced to 14 years in May for

# Accountant jailed | Broking revenues **boost Flemings**

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FLEMINGS, the British inestment bank with substantial interests in the Far East, has announced a 6 per cent rise in its first-half pre-tax profits, in spite of the turbulence on Asian stock markets.

Profits rose to £91.1 million on the back of strong growth in asset management activi-ties and sharply higher reve-nues from broking in Asian. Emerging European and Lat-in American securities. However, the bank's share

of profits from Jardine Fleming, its joint venture in Hong Kong, declined by 40 per cent. to £14.9 million. At 16 per cent of total profits, this is the lowest contribution from Jardine Fleming for many years.

William Garrett, group chief executive, said that conditions remained difficult in the Far East. "Because of the unsettled market conditions, the short-term outlook is uncertain," he said. "We are cautiously optimistic about

range of our businesses and

their geographical diversity." Flemings, an unquoted com-pany in which the founding family still holds 35 per cent of the stock, emphasised that it wished to remain independent John Manser, chairman, said that the bank, like any company in financial services, had received telephone calls from potential buyers. He said: People often inquire about the state of one's health: it's much the same.

Flemings was constantly in conversation with other finanmany of them were its clients, Mr Manser said. The bank, although possibly interested in making further small acquistions, did not expect to make any significant moves in the near future, he said.

Mr Manser said that Flen ings had made great strides in building up its corporate fininess. completing 27 transactions with a total value of £9.3 billion in the half yes

# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Sale in US continues restructuring at ICI

ICI is raising an initial £200 million with the sale of its UKbased fertiliser business to Terra Industries, , of the United States. The disposal, the latest stage in the wide-ranging restructuring of ICI, could yield a further £50 million if certain profit-related targets are met. The disposal is expected to give rise to a pre-tax exceptional gain before provisions of about £140 million.

The business produces fertilisers, ammonia, nitric acid, sodium nurite and liquid carbon dioxide. In 1996 it earned profits of £60 million before interest and tax on turnover of £220 million. Net assets are about £52 million. The proceeds will be used to reduce group horrowings, the company said.

# **Dual-fuel deal inquiry**

ELECTRICITY companies offering a dual-fuel deal for gas and electricity to household customers face a joint investigation by the electricity and gas regulators amid concern over predatory pricing. Gas companies prevented from marketing electricity until next April have complained that they are at a disadvantage to regional electricity companies able to sell gas to 4.5 million customers in the three regions already open to domestic competition.

# WPP buys Batey stake

WPP, the world's biggest advertising agency, has acquired a 37 per cent stake in Batey Holdings, a leading Singapore advertising group, and aims to have a third of its operations in emerging markets within five years. Batey Holdings owns 80 per cent of Batey Ads, whose clients include Sony and Visa, WPP will buy a further 11.6 per cent in 2001, and has the option to add another 14.8 per cent in 2002. It will spend up to \$\$80 million [£29.6 million) in cash on the acquisition.

# Lambert grows in US

LAMBERT FENCHURCH, the insurance broker formed this year by a marger of Lowndes Lambert and Fenchurch Group, is to buy The Kooper Group, a New York employee benefits broker, for a performance-linked price of up to \$35 million (£20.5 million). The initial payment is \$3 million, Lambert listed pre-tax profits by 42 per cent, to £7.1 million, in its first half. Earnings per share remained 5.4p. The interim dividend is 2.9p. The shares fell 312p, to 115p, on competition worries.

# **Hicking Pentecost up**

HICKING PENTECOST, the industrial threads and knitwear company, lifted pre-tax profit 32 per cent to £5.1 million in its half year to September 30. Gains in the US and Far East offset the impact of currency in European markets. The company said Far East earnings were almost unaffected by recent turmoil because it mostly serves those producing goods offshore for US and European customers. Adjusted earnings per share rose Il per cent to 13.6p: The interim dividend is 2.7p, up 13 per cent.

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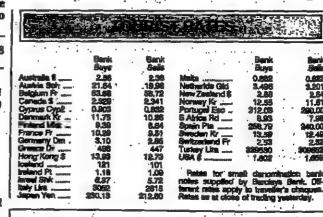
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YORK WATERWORKS, the small independent water company, followed its larger water company peers in raising its dividend ahead of growth in pre-tax profit. The company, serving the city of York, lifted the interim dividend 8.3 per cent to 4.55p; payable on January 20, while pre-tax profits rose 2.1 per cent to £1.8 million in the six months to September High dividend payouts by water companies have come under increasing attack from the industry regulator.





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To be fair, he had been

threatening such action for some

time. His finger wagging and threats in the direction of the

City's merchant bankers most have reminded many of them of

the repeated exhortations from

Nanny: "Do that again, and you'll stand in the corner." In his

explanation for referring the matter, he sounds as infuriated

as Nanny after her warnings

But, in this case, the culprits

are not as guilty as he would have us believe. Mr Bridgeman is perturbed by the cost of underwriting fees. He sees a

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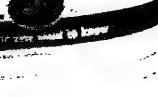
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THE TIMES FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21 1997

# A Bridgeman too far for City

the Monopolies and Mergers Commission? On Wednesday, the President of the Board of Trade towed the line with Brussels and allowed the merger of building system that they op-erate, and which, as a happy aside, happens to generate fees of the cross-Channel ferry opera-tions of Stena and P&O. Mr Bridgeman, the Director Gen-eral of Fair Trading, had invery much more than 2 per cent... It also does away with the tricky dicated his opposition to the business of pre-emption rights. move, at least without severe Mr Bridgeman has listened to restrictions, but his views did not

both sides and also to a few prevail. So less than 24 hours later he had the satisfaction of businessmen who, naturally enough, say they would like to be able to raise capital more cheaply. Of course they would say that But few take up the chance of launching a deeply discounted, not underwritten, rights issue, for that is such an indignity. Instead, they generally pay up for the certainty that a traditional, underwritten, rights issue will bring. Since rights issues are often allied to the making of acquisitions, they are not keen to risk the money not materialising. And that is far from unknown in the case of the American book-building ex-ercises, which can often be pulled at the last minute in the face of

tricky market conditions. In the face of Mr Bridgeman's threats, a few houses, particularly Schroders, have tried to demonstrate a little ingenuity in putting together cheaper fund raising packages but it has not They would prefer to see the raising packages but it has not traditional rights issue aban-been enough to satisfy him. So



COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

now there is to be a year's investigation, which is unlikely to produce much of benefit to

But a real disaster could occur if those who are called upon to pronounce on the issue are not fully clued up on the niceties of City practice and financial detail. It is essential that the Monopolies Commission committee that carries out the investigation should consist of more than a quartet of worthies.

An uncomfortable stay at The Savoy

Fresh from finalising her own deal with Merrill Lynch, Carol Galley could Lynch, Carol Galley could have been forgiven a little selfcongratulation yesterday as Gra-nada reported figures that more than justified her faith in Gerry Robinson and his team.

The Forte acquisition is proving to be the gem that Robinson promised, as Granada's management squeeze more efficien-cies, and more profits, out of the business. But one aspect of Forte is proving to be rather more difficult than Robinson expected. The Savoy tangle, from which he had said that he hoped to extricate Granada this year, is apparently no closer to being resolved. Lady Wontner is prov-ing a formidable obstacle. In the widow of the former Savoy

chairman, even Ms Galley may

have met her match. This is the one aspect of the Forte/Granada affair that causes Sir Rocco a degree of amusement as he makes use of his regular table in the Savoy Grill. The Fortes' ambitions to own the Savoy group, instead of just a majority of its shares and a minority of its votes, were frustrated by the Wontner family and their linked trusts. Sir Rocco has been heard to remark, with some pleasure, that he can see Gerry Robinson being caught in the

same predicament for even

Yesterday, Mr Robinson was his usual relaxed self on the subject, indicating that the increasing profitability of the Savoy lessened the pain of relative powerlessness. But he admitted that the time scale for sorting out the problem had now extended by another year. This, he said, was necessary for the share structure of the group to be simplified before Granada could sell its stake.

Yet why should Lady Wontner and her cohorts agree to a change in the share structure, since it benefits them? If Granada's shares were fully enfran-chised, a buyer of the stake would assume control of the group. But Lady Wontner shows no sign of wanting to give up that control. Still smarting after being politely evicted from her pent-house apartment at Claridges, she has the consolation of being courted by would-be buyers of the houry hotels group, only to

Her intransigence is but a minor irritation for Gerry Robinson, for the rest of his empire is moving strongly in the right direction, both on the media side and what he calls hospitality, which, for those who might not have guessed, includes the Little Chef operations.

# C for consistency sought by City

The chocolate body paint has already found its way into BhS stores, this year in new after-dinner mint and capuccino flavours. Christmas stocking fillers are important to the business and, after a set of

disappointing figures, the group is hoping for a festive boost. Beneath the seasonal fripperies, BhS has been having one of its periodic identity crises. Under the guidance of Sir Ter-ence Conran and then the very American David Dworkin, the chain aimed to throw off its dowdy image and head firmly upmarket. Storehouse chief executive Keith Edelman has been in place for four years, but he now concedes that the company may

have been out of step with its market. "Know thy customer" should be a first principle for any business. Edelman took the novel step of stationing photographers at the BhS doors, and the results were enlightening. Now the stores are squarely targeting the "C" section of the marketplace, large in every sense: the average size of dress walking out

of the shop is a 16. The new strategy, effectively putting BhS back where it started, sensibly exempts the stores from going head to head against the mighty M&S, a message not wasted on the ex-M&S Storehouse chairman, Alan Smith. With Littlewoods retreating on the high street, the opportunities to pick up extra

business look encouraging.

But the City, like BhS customers, will want to see some consistency before it overcomes its scepticism to Storehouse.

#### Eddie steady go

HAVING begun a love-in with Gordon Brown, the formerly sceptical Eddie George now seems intent on cosying up to the future euro chiefs. The Bank of England Governor is backing Wim Duisenberg in the battle to become head of the European Central Bank. For a man who but a few more than a presented but a few months ago appeared to be on the way out of Thread-needle Street, Mr George is now looking a good het for the vacant ECB seat in Frankfurt.

Growth for

distillery in

flat market

By DOMINIC WALSH

GLENMORANGIE, the

Scotch whisky maker, weathered tougher competition to

lift pre-tax profits by 6 per cent

to £4.57 million in the six

whisky, the company lifted

total volumes by 8 per cent in

the year to September 30, with

its Glenmorangie brand im-

proving by II per cent. The group achieved a 16 per cent increase in the UK.

Turnover was slightly ahead at £22.81 million, due

months to September 30. Against an industry back-drop of flat volumes for

# UniChem to join French rival in £278m merger

UNICHEM, the drugs wholesaler chaired by Kenneth Clarke, is to become the second-largest player in Europe's drugs market after agreeing to a £278 million merger with Alliance Samé, its French rival.

The new company, to be named Alliance UniChem, will be formed via the takeover by UniChem of its new partner. The enlarged company expects to generate profits of £102 milhon on sales of £4.89 billion this year alone. It will be 37 per cent owned by Stefano Pessina. founder of Alliance Santé, and

will be chaired by Mr Clarke. Jeffrey Harris, who helped to mastermind UniChem's seven year transition from mutual organisation to £500 million cut job losses. He said: "This deal is not

about cost savings. It is about new revenue streams coming on flow. The new group will have a much bigger warehouse. network, it will be able to use a much bigger marketing force across Europe, and we will be able to offer a much better data service to all our customers."

The City gave an enthusiastic reception to the deal, marking UniChem's shares up 58p to 346p: One of the first

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is that, when a new drug comes to the market, both companies will use each othcutting the number of drugs warehouses, a process which

er's marketing team. The merger comes ten months after UniChem's thwarted bit for Lloyds Chem-Mr Harris said will be "speed-

Harris does not share the City's view that UniChem was better off without Lloyds. He said: "I've heard that view around, but I don't share it. If we had done the Lioyds deal, then the timing of this merger would have been difficult, but I think the Lloyds acquisition would have been a very valuable deal."

ists, now owned by Gehe, a key rival, which left it nursing

El6.1 million in costs. Mr

Although Mr Clarke will be chairing a much bigger com-pany, he is not expected to see the terms of his £120,000-a-year contract increased. Mr Pessina will become deputy chairman resposible for international development. Mr Harris remains chief executive. Patrick Ponsolle, chairman of Eurotunnel, becomes non-executive director.

holder approval, with an extraordinary meeting due to be called next month, and on EU approval, expected within the next six weeks. UniChem is to pay a final dividend of 9.7p a Tempus, page 28

☐ in The Times tomorrow Janet Bush, economics editor, talks to Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer, about his new life as a backbench MP and boardroom director.

# Chloride sales hit by pound BY CHRES AYRES

CHLORIDE, the emergency power-supply specialist, said yesterday that the strength of sterling had wiped almost £6 million off sales for the six months ended September 30.

However, turnover rose 3 per cent, from £53.8 million to £55.5 million, with pre-tax profits rising from £2.9 million to £4.2 million. Earnings per share were up 56 per cent, from 0.86p to 1.34p, and an interim dividend of 0.28p (0.18p) will be paid on Rebruary 6. Ray Horrocks, Chloride's

chairman, said: "The board remains confident that our ongoing programme of ... building sales in new markets will underpin continued growth in earnings and thurcholder value."

# **Powell Duffryn** sells Eurogas

By ADAM JONES

POWELL DUFFRYN, the ports and engineering group, began the disposal of its fuel distribution division yesterday, selling Eurogas, its liquefied petroleum gas sub-sidiary, to Calor for £13.5

Powell Duffryn is coming to the end of a major restructuring that has now freed about 190 million in capital from disposals in the past two years. It has still to sell four businesses, which employ £13.8 million in capital, including the oil component of its fuel distribution activities.

The company announced interim profits before tax of £21.2 million yesterday, up from £6.6 million, although the 1996 figure was hit by an £11.5 million exceptional charge. Its Teesside ports benefited from higher oil tonnage and roll-on, roll-off ship-

ping volumes, while engineering was held back by a £l million currency hit.

After the disposal, which will dilute earnings in the second half, net debt will be down to about £8 million, having fallen from nearly £90 million in 1996. Earnings rose from 13.8p to 17.1p. An unchanged interim dividend of 8.0p a share is to be paid.

Barry Hartiss, chief executive, said the the sale of Eurogas to Calor will have no effect on earnings after the dilution this winter. Mr Hartiss said the com-

pany is more likely to invest in bolt-on acquisitions for its mechanical engineering businesses than in ports. The company closed its

largely to a reduction in bulk sales. At constant exchange rates, profits would have been 10 per cent ahead. Earnings rose 6 per cent to 23.42p per A share and 11.71p per B share. The interim dividend, payable on January 15, is 3.25p pipe-coating activities last month, at no net cost. The (3.025p) per A share and L625p (1.513p) per B share. shares rose from 4312p to trade at 444 bp.



# POWERGEN PLC HALF-YEAR RESULTS

Commenting on the results, Chairman, Ed Wallis, said: "This was a good first half performance. Our UK electricity business continues to return solid results in a market where intense competition from new entrants pushed our market share below 20 per cent for the first time. Operating profits doubled from upstream gas and our market leading CHP business also increased its profit contribution. We are preparing for 1998 liberalisation by developing our integrated electricity and gas strategy. Our international operations performed well. The Board expects 1997/98 to be another satisfactory year for PowerGen."

POWERGEN PLC CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	Unandited Half year to 28 September 1997 Em	Unandited Half year to 29 September 1996 Em
Turnover - continuing activities	1,085	1,209
Operating profit - continuing activities	166	150
Exceptional profit on sale of fixed asset investment	-	69
Net interest payable	(12)	(12)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	154	207
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	(38)	(36)
Windfall tax	(196)	
(Loss) / Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	(80)	171
Minority interest		5
(Loss) / Profit attributable to shareholders	(80)	176
Dividends	(59)	(49)
Retained (Loss) / Profit for the period	(139)	127
(Loss) / Earnings per ordinary share	(12.5)p	25.5p
Earnings per ordinary share (excluding windfall tax and exceptional items)	18.1p	15.5p
Dividends per ordinary share	9.0p	7.8p

PowerGen shareholders can choose - if they wish - to have future dividends paid to them in PowerGen shares (known as "New Shares"), instead of by cheque. To do so, they have to complete and return a Scrip Dividend Mandate form. PowerGen's 1997/98 Interim Dividend - 9.0p net per share – is to be paid on 31 December 1997 to shareholders registered in the Company's books at the close of business on 5 December 1997.

Shareholders who have already sent in a Scrip Dividend Mandate form will be paid the Interim Dividend in shares, and need do nothing more. Shareholders who would like to be paid in shares should phone PowerGen's Registrars on 0117 976 3005. The Registrars will supply the Terms and Conditions of the Scrip Dividend Plan and a Scrip Dividend Mandate form. They can also deal with any queries, and cancellations. REY DATES:

1 December 1997: PowerGen Shares begin to trade 'ex dividend.' 5 December 1997 5.00pm: The price of a New Share is available by phoning 0117 976 3005. 5 December 1997: Shareholders on the register at close of business qualify for the 1997/98 Interim Dividend. 9 December 1997: The last date for Mandate forms or cancellations to be received by the Registrars. by 30 December 1997: Dividend Cheques and Certificates for New Shares posted. 31 December 1997:

Interim Dividend paid. New Shares can be traded. The full results announcement may be seen on the PowerGen Internet web site at www.pgen.com

# **Approach** lifts Allied

ALLIED COLLOIDS, the chemicals group, has res-ponded to reports that it is

**Colloids** 

being courted by Laporte, its UK rival, by saying that it has had a "tentative offer" from a third party that may or may not lead to an offer for it.

in Allied by 9p to 139p, near a five-year high, valuing the company at almost £1 billion. Allied is to sell its supersorbents business to a subsidiary of Amcol International, for at least £2 million. The price may rise, depending on the business's performance. The deal includes licensing of Allied technology.

Friendly deal

Friendly Hotels is selling its serviced offices division for an initial £4 million, almost two years after putting it up for sale. It is selling 15 of its 17 Premier House units to Marylebone Warwick Balfour, the property group, for £3.5 million, and has sold one separately for £500,000. The other unit's lease ends soon. The MWB earn-out deal may yield an extra £7 million.

Car venture

Car Group, the car supermar-kets operator, is entering a E40 million joint venture with Sun Life to develop sites. Car Group pre-tax profit rase from £4.6 million to £4.8 million in the year to August 31. A 3.12p final dividend makes 4.68p.

Elliott ahead

B Elliott, a maker of engineering systems, is lifting its inter-im dividend by 12.5 per cent, to 1.35p, after pre-tax profits up 33 per cent to £2.42 million in the half year to October 3. STOCK MARKET



Stock Market Writer

# Lloyds TSB shares slip as broker cuts forecast

SHARES of Lloyds TSB were sent reeling 22p to 684p after the company's own broker turned cautious and cut its

ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, caused something of a stir by cutting its forecast for the current year from £3.28 billion to £3.2 billion. The downgrade was caused by fierce competition in the mort-

gage market The move caught the rest of the City on the hop and the share price suffered accordingly, dropping below the 700p support level. The price now stands way below the peak of 850p achieved earlier this year.
Lloyds is Britain's bigges

retail bank, with 2,700 branches, at least 1,000 more than its nearest rival. There has been persistent talk in recent months that it is on the lookout for further acquisi-tions. The Nationwide building society has been put in the frame. Lloyds already owns the Cheltenham & Gloucester. Hoare has also changed its rating for the shares from undervalued" to "hold".

Elsewhere in the banking sector, Barclays dropped 24p to £14.49 after a line of 1.5 million shares went through the market late on Wednesday, at a heavily discounted £14.55.

Meanwhile, Standard Chartered was clearly reaping the benefits of a visit by brokers to its operations in Hong Kong and Singapore with a rise of 49p to 692p. comments from NatWest Markets were also good news for Royal Bank of Scotiand, up 17p at 692p.

Schroders continued to make headway, leaping 75p to £18.90 in response to this week's £3.1 billion bid by Merrill Lynch for Mercury Asset Management, lp lighter at £16.74. Perpetual was another fund manager to attract support with a leap of 40n to £25.15.

Fund manager Brian Banks made a welcome return to the City with the flotation of Savoy vestment management group. The shares were placed on AIM by Teather & Green-wood, the broker, at 95p and opened at 104'2p before closing at 11412p, their best and a premium of 192p.

Elsewhere, share prices clawed their way back above the FISE 100 4,900 level, cheered by the overnight rally

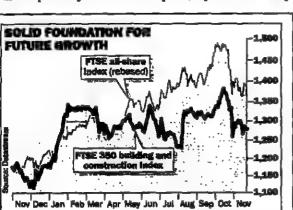


A brokers' tour of the Hong Kong (above) and Singapore operations of Standard Chartered lifted its shares 49p

in Tokyo and the ability of Wall Street to extend this week's gains. Equities were also able to draw strength from the bond market. The FISE 100 index, up 91 points at one stage, closed 78.3 up at 4,908.4, with 783 million shares changing hands.

Among the leaders SmithKline Beecham responded positively to some encouraging comments from JP Morgan, the US securities house, with a rise of lop to

575p.
The bid approach for Ailied Colloids lifted the shares 1412p to 13912p. The specialist chemicals group was forced to make the announcement after seeing heavy turnover in the shares on Wednesday. Rival Laporte, 60 better at 6350.



HOUSEBUILDERS caree muder the hammer after Sir Lawrie Barratt, chairman of Barratt Developments, told shareholders at the annual meeting, that price rises across the country would slow to 4 per cent. He also said the latest base

housing market.

Barratt finished 3p lower at 247p with losses also seen in Beazer group 2p to 1682p, John Laing 'A' 42p to 346p, and George Wimpey 2p to 107p.

But Gary Hobbs at

NatWest Markets is more

optimistic. "Sir Laurie is always cautious. We look

for 4 per cent in the North

but nearer? per cent in the

Southeast". In the past year

prices have risen between

12 per cent and 15 per cent

Mr Hobbs added: ley Group have all been dragged lower by com-panies that have borrowed money to pay for land and turned to shareholders for more cash. We remain posi-

was being tipped as a potential suitor, but City speculators say the bidder could also come from Europe or the US. Last night BASF, the German hemicals group ruled itself out of the running. By contrast, Croda Interna-

tional fell 612p to 35712p after the company warned that the strong pound and market conditions meant that both cales and profits at the ninemonth stage were down. UniChem also stood out

with a jump of 58p at 346p after announcing plans to merge with Alliance Sante, Europe's second biggest pharmaceutical wholesaler. The newly merged company is expected to have sales of almost ES billion.

A profits warning left Flare Group down 17p at 6212p. The ceramics supplier says fullyear profits will be no more than El.25 million compared with brokers' forecasts of £4.5 million. It blamed the turmoil in the Far East.

Talk of a major rights issue or share placing to help to fund a substantial acquisition left Fairey Group 11'2p lower at 52912p.

Stagecoach suffered an earmark-down, with the price dropping 1712p to 84lp amid suggestions that a large seller was doing the rounds. It seems that Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has also moved from a "hold"

Powell Duffryn celebrated the sale of its Eurogas division to Calor for £13.5 million with a rise of 13p to 44412p. UBS, the broker, has set a target price of 490p a share.

GILT-EDGED: Bond

prices responded positively to a subdued set of money supply and bank lending numbers, which appeared to reduce some of the pressure for a rise in interest rates. Prices at the longer end rose by up to £1.

In the futures pit, the De-cember series of the long gilt climbed £34 to £1182932 in moderate trading that saw just 78,000 contracts completed. Among conventional issues,

finished El better at El18°16, while Treasury? per cent 2002 was £516 up at £101.

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# Healthy outlook

KEN CLARKE, the former Chancellor and now chairman of UniChem, has finally found a way of expressing his Europhilia. It would be churlish to suggest that the right to sell Benylin cough syrup in more than one country falls somewhat short of a single European currency. It would also be unfair to UniChem, which has surprised everyone, bouncing back from its defeat at the hands of its German rival Gehe and securing a handsome boost to a share price that was badly trailing the market. In one bound, UniChem has secured commanding shares of the French, Italian and Portuguese pharmaceutical wholesaling markets with its merger partner, Alliance Santé.

The deal is fairly priced. The minority interests in the Alliance Santé operating businesses are being bought out at a small discount to the market valuation of UniChem,

I wind of prior to yesterday's announcement. However, this merger has little to do with immediate financial gains. The cost savings of £5 million in the first year are minuscule when compared with a group that will have £5 billion in turnover and £100 million in profits. Moreover, UniChem will find it difficult short-term to rationalise the French chain with its 60 depots. What is driving UniChem is the need to secure purchasing clout with the pharmaceutical companies.

Sooner or later, drug pricing will begin to equalise across Europe. The French pay less for branded medicines but lack the generic products available in Britain. By establishing distribution clout today. UniChem will be better able to exploit cross-border purchasing and wholesaling. Even after yesterday's rise, the shares are worth buying.

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BG would like you to think business but the market is right to see it as an asset-rich company with a dull utility at its core. Ofgas managed to ensure that the core business is even duller by imposing a revenue cap on Transco, thereby preventing the pipeline company from getting any benefit from the first 3 per cent gain in volume. In mature economics, utilities can rarely count on rates of growth ahead of the general rise in GDP but, thanks to Ofgas, BG has been denied even that meagre benefit.

The asset-rich side, however, is beginning to show its goodies as BG sells off its property portfolio, with £150 million to accrue this year and more next year. However, this is the baggage and not the family silver, and the

most interesting question

about BG is where its explo-

ration business is heading.

No one, not even BG knows

what the returns will be from

Karachaganak as the part-ners have yet to find an export market for the gas

and an export route. Russia

and Europe are obvious

choices but Gazprom, the

giant Russian gas utility may

report into the bid by PacifiCorp for The Energy Group. This will provide PowerGen with a regulatory precedent on vertical integration and competition. ... PowerGen has always been the more exciting of the two generators formed out of

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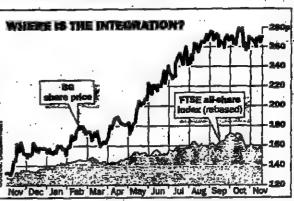
tially much to gain. ED&F Man AT FIRST glance, the combi-

nation of agricultural prod-ucts and financial services looks odd. But for ED&F Man, it has proved a winning formula. Underlying profits at the group increased 51 per cent during the first half of the year, fueled by a 75 per cent advance in earnings from financial services. While the turbulence in the

gas that crosses Russia's borders. The £7 billion regulatory value of Transco equates to 178p, suggesting that the upstream and interworth £3.8 billion. That looks right for the moment but BG exploration

demand a pound of flesh for

has only just begun to perform.



### PowerGen

POWERGEN is stuck in a strategic limbo. The generator has a strategy — indeed, a choice, of strategies — for large-scale expansion and, with gearing of only 33 per cent, has the means to pay for it. By all accounts, PowerGen can pick and choose its potential targets or partners. The vision closest to the

heart of Ed Wallis, the chairman, is to buy a regional electricity company and move its flest downstream in the UK through vertical integration, moving electricity from the power station to the kettle in the kitchen. His last attempt to do that was But with a new government who knows? Another option is to buy something big overseas, such as an Amerioption is a merger or joint

Meanwhile, PowerGen waits for the Government to

privatisation and there is no reason to think it has lost its edge. The shares are stuck in a siding at present, but there is little downside and poten-

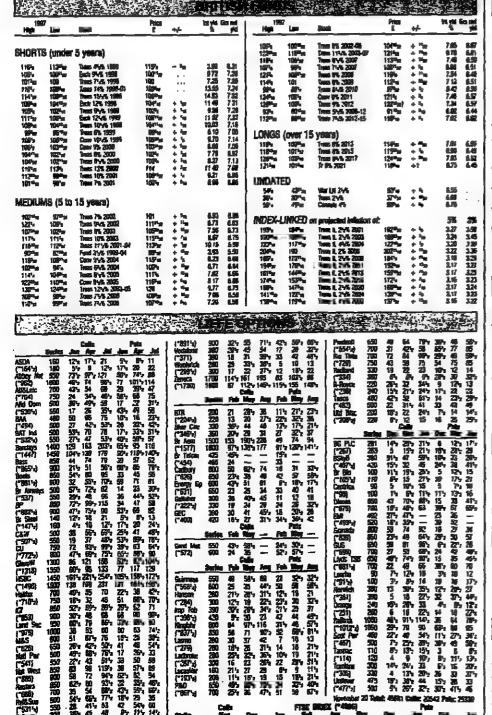
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dampened profits at other financiai services companies. ED&F Man has come out unscathed because its funds do not invest in equities, but in commodities and futures. And its agency broking agency has benefited from the

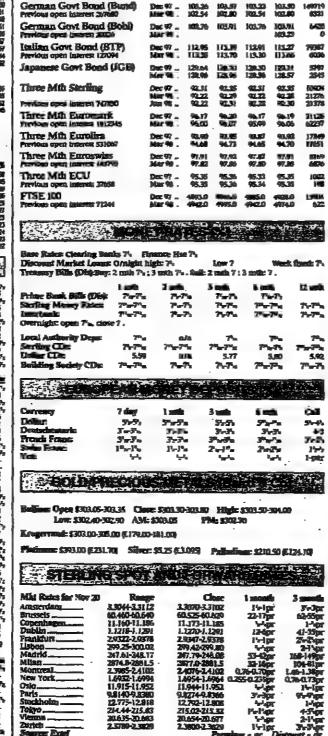
heightened level of activity. ED&F Man appears also to have made significant progress in sorting out its agricultural business. Besides disposing of its cocoa processing plants, the firm has agreed in principle to merge its loss-making Australian sugar operation with a local competitor, thereby turning a deficit into a financial gain

over time. Yet the shares, up 5.5 per lation in the stock is unlikely ment and staff own more than half of the company. enough to rule out hostile bids, but the low rating still

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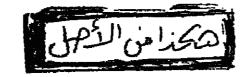


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# The end of a long series of Japanese errors is in sight

Big injections of public funds are all that are necessary to

restore the economy

hen I wrote last Friday that Japanese governments have a long history of marching unswervingly up to the brink of an economic precipice, casting their eyes downwards and then pulling back in the nick of time. I had no idea of what was about to happen the very next business day. With the collapse on Monday of Hokkaido Takushoku, Japan's tenth-largest bank, the prime minister, Ryu-taro Hashimoto, was instantly confronted with the choice presented in this column last week. Would he go down in history as Japan's Herbert Hoover, the man whose stubborn orthodoxy and ignorance of economics would condemn his country to years of depression? Or would he admit his errors, abandon his puritanical fiscal principles and refloat the economy on a sea of public money?

Normally I would not devote this column for two weeks yunning to Japan. But the choice Japan now faces is so momentous, its implications for the world economy and the global financial markets are so important and the lessons for policy in other countries are so instructive that I cannot resist another bite of this cherry.

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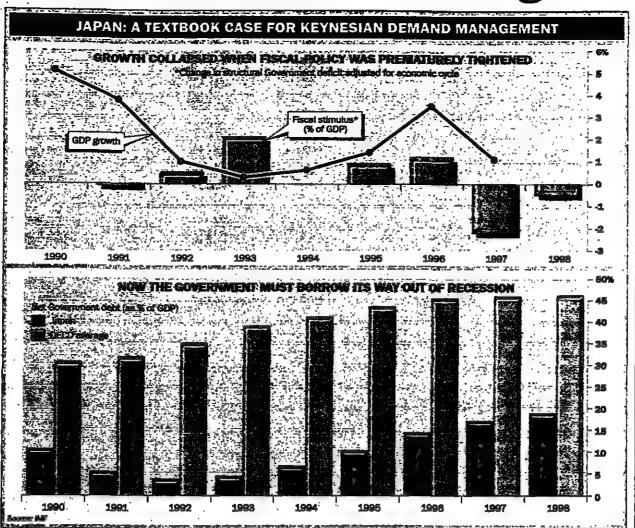
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The Nikkei average has been swinging by almost 1,000 points every day this week in accor-dance with whether Mr Hashimoto admits or denies the obvious: that his Government is looking for a way to pour unlimited sums of public this column discern a familiar money into the banking system. Assuming that he does this and once the oil-tanker of. manese consensus opinion has begun to turn it does not ually stop halfway — the Japanese financial system will be rapidly reliquified, business and consumer confidence will return, the economy will recover and the Tokyo stock market will rebound. Given that Japan is the world's second-largest economy and that it stands on the threshold of an economic transformation, it is hardly surprising that investors and policymakers the world over

now have their eyes on Japan. But why should a change in Japan's fiscal policy matter 50 much? Conventional wisdom maintains, after all, that Japan's economic problems are all to do with its over-regulated markets and its out-of-date labour practices, not with its macroeconomic policies.

The emphasis on government fiscal policies in what I say below may be dismissed by conventional wisdom as laughably irrelevant to Japan's true



economic problems. But it is worth recalling that this same conventional wisdom held that Japan could continue to grow this year despite its savage

fiscal tightening.
My analysis can be summarised in one sentence. There is nothing wrong with the Japanese economy that cannot be cured by massive injections of public money, either through tax cuts or by bailing out banks.

If long-standing followers of ring in this sentence, they are right. It is, mutatis mutandis. what I wrote about the US in early 1991, about Britain in the summer of 1992 and about Germany and France late last year. The mutandis in each case were slightly different: to pull America and Britain out of recession, rates; in Germany and France, the requirement for economic recovery was a drastic devahuation of the mark and the francia. requirement which has not yet been fully satisfied, which is why growth and employment

in Europe remain so weak). The point of recalling these examples of recovery by countries widely considered to be in terminal decline is to draw two lessons. First, in each case, a strong economic revival was considered impossible in the absence of long-term "structural reforms" in the economy's "supply-side". In America the structural obstacle to growth was supposed to be the budget deficit and inadequate savings; in Britain it was inflationary

expectations; in Europe it was (and is) "labour-market rigidity". But in each case, the economy revived as soon as demand was boosted by official action and well before much obvious progress had been made in supply-side reform. In fact, supply-side improvements were happening, but they only became visible after the govern-

ment or the central bank had

brosted demand. The second lesson is that, while demand-management policy is always the trigger for economic recovery, the appropriate mechanism for boosting demand is different in each case. In most cases, the best way to pull an economy out of recession is by cutting interest rates or by encouraging currency depreciation, rather than by running a large budget deficit. Deliberate public borrowing to stimulate the economy only becomes appropriate when inflation is so low and financial sentiment is so depressed that businesses refuse to borrow and banks refuse to lend even at zero interest rates.

nder these circumstances, trying to by easing monetary policy can be like "pushing on a phrase. But such conditions of extreme deflation occur only very rarely, especially in a world of floating exchange rates. Normally, therefore, the main responsibility for demand management falls not on government budget policies, but on

central banks. It is in this respect only that vulgar Keynesians who urge government borrowing as a panacea for recession turned out to be wrong.

Now let us return to events in Japan. The usual prescriptions for Japan's economic malaise deregulation, competition, Big Bang financial reforms, removal of non-tariff trade barriers are all very well and certainly deserve to be promoted, both by foreign pressure and by for-ward-looking politicians within Japan: Structural impediments may well account for some of Japan's financial instability and for the economy's disappointin long-term performance since the mid-1980s. But the idea that structural issues have anything much to do with the gyrations of the economy (or the stock market) in the past few years does not fit with the facts.

Growth in the Japanese economy collapsed after 1990 as a direct result of the bursting of a stock market, property and industrial investment bubble. This explosion was certainly attributable to poor financial regulation, protectionism, inadequate competition and so on. Since 1992, however, all of Japan's economic problems have been primarily attributable to demand-management mistakes. The Bank of Japan kept interest rates far too high from 1992-95, causing the disastrous overvaluation of the year. After its great U-turn in June 1995, the BoJ did all it could to stimulate demand, cutting its discount rate to 0.5 per cent and devaluThen the Hashimoto Government waded in with the most misguided fiscal policy since Herbert Hoover.

Mr Hashimoto's tax increases and public spending cuts tightened fiscal policy by 2.2 per cent of GDP this year. when there was no scope for any offsetting loosening of monetary policy and any further devaluation of the yen was rightly opposed by Washington. The was the inevitable result.

Tortunately it is not too late to undo some Mr of Hashimoto's mistake A large increase in the budget deficit and the national debt next year - which will certainly occur if Japan is to repay depositors and savers in its collapsing banks and life insurance companies - should inject enough extra demand into the economy to reverse much of the damage done by this year's fiscal retrenchment. Once the economy starts to grow, Japan will have time enough to bring the deficit and national debt back under control and to accelerate the neces-

sary structural reforms. Japanese economici policymakers in recent years have only made the right decisions after all the alternatives were exhausted. As Mr Hashimoto edges toward a momentous decision to pump limitless amounts of public money into the Japanese economy and banks, it looks like he may finally have reached the end of his long series of mistakes.

# Granada more than lives up to its boasts over Forte

Dominic Walsh checks out progress in the light

of claims made during the hard-fought takeover

could extract at least £100 million of extra profit from Forte is still seen as a turning point in the bitter battle for control of Britain's biggest and best-known hotel and restaurant group.

suggestions that £100 million was merely a nice round figure plucked out of the air for effect by Gerry Robinson. Granada's chairman, and it has continued to crop up as a bone of contention. Despite repeated assurances in recent months that the figure was in the bag, the sceptics - some from within Forte - have continued to cast doubt on

Such nagging doubts have clearly been a factor in Granada's poor share perfor-mance this year, so yesterday's results presentation was an opportunity for Mr Robinson to give a breakdown of what has been achieved. Using the average 1997 profit figure of £269 million that was being forecast by analysts during the bid, he revealed that the Forte business had actually made £393 million. In other words, £124 million more than City expectations and 24 per cent more than the controversial target set during the bid. Even allowing for the fact that the hotel and eating out markets have proved extremely buoyant, it is an exceptional performance, and it was no surprise to see the group's shares regain some lost ground with a 43p jump — or more than 5 per cent — to 843p. Mr Robinson made no

bones about the fact that what he and Charles Allen, chief executive, had found when they started going through the Forte business was an undermanaged business with considerable scope for cutting fat. Take the UK hotel business. Here, Granada has turned accepted wisdom on

its head by questioning the need for a general manager in every hotel. Instead, it has created "clustering", whereby it employs one manager for every three or four hotels, enabling it to reduce the headcount by 250 and produce a full-year saving of £7.6 million. It has also overhauled Forte's technology, introducing state-of-the-art reservations, yield management and

point of sales systems. The results are now coming through strongly. International hotels, largely consisting of the Méridien chain, lifted operating profit by 65 per cent to £75 million, while ent advance to £129 million. Even the provincial business managed profits up a quarter to £122 million. In every case, the key statistic of revenue per available room showed dou-

ble-digit growth. Mr Allen recently admitted that changing the way the Forte business was run had been a painful process but a necessary one. The 1997 results are the first real evidence that it was £3.9 billion well spent, with all divisions turnng in strong performances. Typical of the way Granada

has brought its skills to hear was the roadside division, consisting of Little Chef and Forte Travelodge. Operating



profits were up a chunky 46 per cent to £64 million, with Little Chef raising sales by 10 per cent while cutting wage costs by 9 per cent.

Another concern in the City has been the slowdown in the pace of the disposals prom-ised during the bid. Mr Robinson was quick to point out that almost £1.5 billion of sales had been achieved so far, for the most part at a premium to book value. He although privately he concedes that selling the Grosvenor House in London's Park Lane — supposedly taken off the market this year — would be the icing on the cake. The question, as ever, is price. Sources suggest that lengthy negotiations with a consortium linked to the Emir of Qatar may be drawing to a close at a likely sale price of just over £300 million. Although Mr Robinson had hoped for something nearer £350 million, he will be satisfied if he manages to get the E302 million book value.

The remaining Exclusive hotels have a combined book value of about £125 million and one or two may well end up in Méridien, as with the King Edward in Toronto. Given the group's new focus on strong brands, a gradual sell-off of the Heritage portfo-lio seems inevitable. There were hints yesterday that the Posthouse chain, which is to be the subject of a £60 million facelift, may eventually be tried out on the Continent.

All of which brings us to the Savoy Group, in which Gran-ada has inherited a 68 per cent stake which carries just 42 per cent of the voting rights. Owning a business he cannot run himself is clearly not Mr Robinson's style, but finding a solution to the Savoy conundrum has proved as elusive as it did to the Forte family. It is clear that a solu-

# BUSINESSLETTERS

#### BAA shopping centres attacked as terminal disgrace Incidentally, BAA is more of

From Sir Terence Conran comment on BAA (November with some pleasure.

It is time that this company was criticised for having turned our air terminals into shopping centres after the privatisation. The fact that we, as taxpayers, subsidise their

duty free sales is really a disgrace and enormously to the benefit of BAA shareholders. Just think about the profit margins that must be made on goods sold in airports that are only marginally cheaper than the high streets where, of course, duty and VAT are

not aggressive about provid-ing a calm, welcoming and well-organised environment for travellers. Yours faithfully TERENCE CONRAN,

22 Shad Thames, SEI.

#### Conciliation under consideration

From the Chairman of the Employee Share Ownership

Sir, Law Commission chairman Dame Mary Arden rightly argues ("Defending the little uns", November 4) that the law should encourage shareholders in owner-managed businesses to set up in advance an agreed route for

dissolving their relationship in the event of a serious dispute. Statutory model articles will give the lead to young businesses but not, one suspects, to older ones.

In order to avoid the kind of ruinously expensive court proceedings from which the Commission seeks to protect minority shareholders, it may be necessary to bolster its recommendations with the establishment of a fast-track

The Employee Share Ownership Centre, which I chair, is considering whether to set up such a service when employee benefit trusts are minority shareholders. We would welcome comments from interest-

an aggressive landlord than

retailer — they are certainly

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM HURLSTON, Chairman of the Employee Share Ownership Centre, 2 Ridgmount Street.

# Banque on it

French foreign policy that every single international bank of any stature must be run by a Frenchman. An alliance of every other developed economy has been formed to prevent this Napoleonic conquest, and there is an unofficial rule that restricts the French to only the majority of top banking jobs. It is therefore worth noting, my sources tell me, that Philippe Lagayette, head of the French state bank, the Caisse des Dépôts, has emerged as the French candidate to succeed Jacques de Larosière at the



De Larosière, replaced

after Jacques Attali was ing too much of other people's money, if you recall; Attali-Appalling's career back in France, predictably, has flourished ever since).

The significance of Lagayette's candidacy seems to have been missed. It means the French have given up any chance of putting in one of their own as president of the European Central Bank in Frankfurt, I am told. The French candidate here is Jean-Claude Trichet, governor of the Bank of France. Yet

another Frenchman, Michel Camdessus, is in charge of the International Monetary Fund. If Lagayette is on for the EBRD job. Trichet is out of the running for Frankfurt. So the job goes to Wim Duisenberg, the Dutchman and preferred option of the Germans. I query whether someone.

somewhere, might one day put forward a Brit. The only response is a pitying look. • A FREUDIAN slip at the High Court, where the action

against the ghastly Roger Levitt is fast running into the legal quicksands: acting for the Government, it says in the official listings, is "the Depratment (sic) of Trade and



# In from cold

I BRING glad tidings of a hatchet successfully buried at the Treasury. Andrew Dilnot, of the Institute of Fiscal Studies, was cold-shouldered by Gordon Brown when Labour achieved power and was not asked into Number 11 during the summer for a pre-Budget chat, as he had been by previous Chancellors. There was emollient talk of diaries too full and the short time between the election and the Budget, but some said his crime was to criticise plans for a 10p tax rate. The IFS, if I have got this right, believes if you really want to alleviate poverty you should raise tax allowances, which benefit the poor alone rather than all

Anyway, cruel whispers have even suggested that he was not consulted before next Tuesday's Green Budget and remains in the wilderness. Not so; my sources tell me he was accorded visiting rights last month. Incidentally, is it just my impression that annual Budgets, rather like the Horse of the Year Show, seem to come round about every five months these days?

• SIR LAWRIE BARRATT'S

last annual meeting at the

housebuilder was marred yes-

ing the yen by 40 per cent. It

terday by a most curious demonstrator, who stood outside Plaisterers Hall accusing the company of the theft of £22 million. The man, who was overheard, oddly enough, by a Times reader on a train yesterday morning telling fellow passengers of his plans, was holding a yellow banner that read "Barratt subsidiary vanishes £22m". But he did not go in, and did not seem to be a shareholder. Colin Dearlove. Barratt's finance director, tells me the man has been in contact with the company before about the "theft". His grasp of book-keeping is a little tenuous, and he seems to believe that the non-appearance of full accounts for the Barratt subsidiary in charge of overseas activities in the group's annual report means all of its working capital has gone missing. "I seem to be unable to convince him -- he seems to have a bee in his bonnet," says Dearlove sadly.

# Moving on

ASHOK GUPTA, one of the grey accountants at the Scot-tish Amicable who tried to float the mutual last summer. has quit. Gupta and his colleagues were pilloried for the rewards a flotation would have paid out to them, which Mercury Asset Management blench. His pay rose 20 per cent when ScotAm was bought by the Prudential, but he was not found a permanent role Union next month as a director of corporate finance.

MARTIN WALLER



"Surely Granada can move the soap to a plusher location?"

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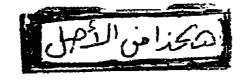
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Royal Court Downstairs (Duke of York S) S: Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171: 565 5000) Previews tonight 7 30pm Opens Mon 7 30pm Than Mon-Sat 7 30pm, mat Set (from Nov 29), 3 30pm (5)

BOUTH BANK OPERA: CONCERNS bicemenary is calebrated in the Festival Half itemph 7pm) with a concert hall itonight 7 pmi with a concert performance of the composer's pastoral masterprece Linds or Chamoune The Orchastra of the Age of Enlightenment under Mark Eider is pinned by on impressive dast of solorist including the soprano Manella Devia and the tenor Marcalo Aharess One in the Gueen Elizabeth Hall (Sun 5pm) George Badancomy conducts Thamesado Opera and the Berkshine County Youth Orchestra in the British premiero of Benjamin Fleedchrains o non-aid opera. Anthony Christian Completed by Shostalowich hite Plasschman's death in the Second World War, the performance is part of Sunday. All-day South Bank celebration of eastern European Jewish culture. of easiern European Jewish culture South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242)

SOUNDS IN THE CITY: The City of London Sinkorea under Richard Hickore properts a two-day mundeshual of music colebrating the works of the British composers Benjamin British Trippett. Two London premieras are leakured. Two London premiers are leatured Maxwell Davies is Strathclyde Concerto No 10 lonight and Sinten's King Arthur Suite formorrow. The finale is the European premiere of Maximel Davies's new graterio based on the book of Job Barbican S& Street EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight and tomorrow 7 30pm &

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EL CHICAGO: Revised version of the celebrated handler & Ebib musical directed by Waller Bobbie. A multi-Tony winter on Broadway less year. Staming Ruthe Heinshall, Ute Lompor. Herny Goodman and Nigel Planer. Adelphil. Svand, London WC2 (0171-344 0055). Mon-Sal. 8pm. mets Wed and Sat. 2 30pm. 

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Attens hauntingly chilling in welcome revival of Albee's play about mamage, parenthood and neighbouriness Magge Smith plays the drunk sister Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800) Mon-Sat, Spmr mats Wed and Sat, Spm

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Malcolm Storry in this erceptionally interesting drama about mendship.

HUDDERSHELD: THE TOWN'S contemporary music lestwal is host to two important events this weekend

**ELSEWHERE** 

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts compiled by Marit Hargie

CRAWLEY: Following the release of her talest album, Gone from Danger,

nut rates appur, come from usinglet, veteran Annencan holk singlet Joan Baez stars a nine-date tour of the British Isles here. She is joined by two of the communing writers from the album and the fiddle player George Strail.

with, Hawith Avenue (0293 553636)



Yo Yo Ma gives a cello

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of theatre showing in London House full, returns only
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N FAME TV and film spin-off about young hopeluis from the New York School of the Performing Arts. Touring Company In London for ten weeks
Victoria Palape, Victoria St, SW1
(0171-834 1317) Mon-Thur, 7.30pm, Fn,
5.30pm and Spm, Sat, 3pm and
7.30pm Unit Jan 17.

ED GUYS AND DOLLS: The Cross returns to its original shape for the revival of Biohard Byre's exhibitanting revival, National (Olivier), South Bank, 351 (0171-928 2252) Tonight and tomorrow, 7 15pm, mail tomorrow, 2pm.

DAM IDEAL HUSBAND Renand Li agranda and an open of the control of the control of deceptions Starting Morbin Shaw and Smon Ward, and Kalin O'Mara as the sweller housemaker. Gliniquid, Shaftesbury Avs. W1 (0171-494 5053), Mon-Sat. 7 45pm; mais Thur 3nm and Sal. 4pm. 3pm and Sal, 4pm.

performances. Hompstead, Swes Cottage Centre. NW3 (0171-722 8301), Mon-Sat. 8pm.

MY BOY JACK, David Haig's

THE SLOW DRAG, Jazz musical by Carson Kreitzer, loosely based on the story of Billy Tipton, a woman who passed as a man to find work as a paz musican, Loa Sadovy joris Kim well and Christopher Colguhoun Crassell and Christopher Columbus from Las Fornell's Freedom Cole production earlier this year Mindeball Theodore, Warning, Landon SWI (0171-369 1739) Mon-Thur, Spm Fri and Sal. 7pm and 9,30pm,

Tomorrow there is the UK premiere of

Pascal Dusapin's "operations" Romes et Juliette with a libretto by Ofwer Cadiot. This sern-staged performance by the London Sinforetra Voices, the English Northern Philharmonia and ten

soloists, remvonts Shakespeare's

classic tale for the 20th century and

promises to be one of the testival highlights. On Sunday the Swedish

percussion ensemble **Kroumats** is joined by the two brass wituosi, trumpeter Håkan Hardenberger end trombonist Christian Undberg in a

composers Muriteration Turn Half Flamation

Street (0484 422133) Both at 7 30pm

MANCHESTER With the code story: still warm from lest reght's London concert, the acclument American cellus Ye Yo Ma accompanied by the pranis!

Yo Yo Ma accompanied by the piants! Kathyn Stoti fouches down here tonight to perform music by Stravnsky, Brahms, Bemstein, Gerstwin and Prizoda. Tomorous the Manches Camerate under Sactor Fupoka performs Strause's Metamorphosen and Mozar's Requem. End. — see Hell. Line Wood Street (0161-907 9000) Both performances at 7.30pm.

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STEPPING OUT Musical version of Et al terrimo of missas ventor of fachard Herris s hit play (music and lyncs by Dans King and Mary Steinfri Denti), kink McKerce directs Liz. Robotson and her hopeful hooters Albery, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (017) 369 1730) Mon-Sag Born; mala Thur, 3pm and Sal, 4pm

□ WOYZECK: Sarah Kane's groping production of Buchne's tragedy of a common man Pretting performances by Michael Sharmon and Kate Ashfeld Gate Theatine, Prince Albert Pub. 11 Pembridge Road, W11 (0171-229 0708) Mon-Sal, 7 30pm. Ends (omorrow LONG RUNNERS

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☐ Starlight Express. Apolio Victors (0171-416-6054) Ticket information supplied by Society of London Thicket.

### **NEW RELEASES**

mais Tue and Sat. 4pm

EXCESS BAGGAGE (12) Alca Silversione takes her own kidnapping to secure her lather's love. Empty-headed and coasperating comedy Director. Marco Brambila, Virgin Trocadero (10181-970 6015)

INVENTING THE ABSOTTS (19) Corning of age in late 1950s Binos Overty solemn and old-fashioned drama Pat O'Cornor directs Joaque ens, Liv Tyler, Belly Cructup Shafteebury Av (0171-836 6279)

LAWN DOGS (15) Two outsiders form ua měndskip in Kentucky imaginative drama with strong performances by young Macha Baron and Sam Rockwell Director, John

Altic Terrenhum Court Floud (0171-836 6148) Curzon West End (0171-369

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# Youth behaving badly

Windy City's week. Tuesday brought London the marvellous Chicago, which defined the place as a 20th-century Gehenna packed

with sleazy murderesses in black bras and briefs. And now here is another musical revival, redefining it as a playpen for pint-sized gang-sters brandishing toy machineguns. One day the adults are sending up Chicago and Chicagoites, and the next the children are sending up the

adults; and either way it is fun. You probably remember Bugsy Malone as a movie: libretto and direction by Alan Parker, music and extra words by Paul Williams. But it also had a modestly successful life on the stage, and remains a fine choice of show for the warbling pubescents and tootling tots of our National Youth Music Theatre. The stars include Michael Sturges, 13, of Stevenage, Sean Parkins, 13, of London, and Alistair McCalla, 15, also of London. Nobody who ventures into the vaguely Art-Deco speakeasy

The basic plot has been averaged out from a hundred old movies. Dandy Den is moving in on the turf of the nightelub owner, Fat Sam, and, at least until an upbeat end, all of Sam's attempts to fight back are thwarted. Meanwhile Bugsy Malone, whose skills include chauf-

where the piece is set has yet

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Bugsy Malone Queen's

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feuring hoods, finding talented boxers and ambling pointlessly about town, gets off with the wannabe chanteuse Blousey Brown. But there is a difference between Parker's opus and those black-andwhite melodramas starring Jimmy Cagney or Edward G. Robinson, and it is a big one. The weapons are custard

pies or, in extremis, "splurge guns" which spray their victims with creamy foam. If someone asks for a "special on the rocks", it turns out to be a strawberry sundae or some such. And several of the relationships are decidedly unequal. When Sheridan Smith's vampish Tallulah joins her fancy-man. Paul Lowe's embattled Fat Sam, you are left with the impression of a towering turquoise crane looming above a grade B egg improbably dressed in green-and-brown checks. The myth of 1920s Chicago, baddest city south of the Arctic Circle or north of Antarctica, is

reduced to comic smithereens. Russell Labey and Jeremy James Taylor's cast inevitably have their limitations. Gestures sometimes consist of airy thumps or jabs, or movements putting one in mind of a cyclist unsure whether to turn right or left. But it is a kind of strength, since it emphasises



Taking the gangster rap: the teenage cast face death by custard pie in Bugsy Malone

that these are not slick professionals but kids cocking a snook at slick professionalism; and, in any case, some of the acting, much of the dancing and almost all the singing is way above the best school

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It would be wrong, I guess, to pick wirmers, especially when most members of the first-night company are to alternate with a back-up one. But Sturges's Bugsy is wonderfully affable and laid-back. Elizabeth Avis's Blousey sings

sweetly, Smart Piper makes a mean Dan, and Smith's Tallulah has a voice far stronger and subtler than one has any right to expect of a 16-year-old.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

**CONCERTS:** A world premiere for Northern Ireland; plus a tribute to music's patron saint

# Vision in the dark

Goerne/Brendel Waterfront Hall, Belfast

IN THE coup to beat all coups, the the first visit to Northern Ireland of Alfred Brendel and Matthias Goerne, and their world premiere appearance together.

This was the first time the new Waterfront Hall had been used for a song recital and it would be difficult to imagine a more inappropriate space for Lieder. As the circular architecture fans outwards, so the acoustic softens and blurs the voice. Goerne turned this to his advantage. His revelatory per-formance of Schubert's Winterreise showed exactly why Brendel - who has accompanied no singer since Fischer-Dieskau - asked to work with the young German baritone.

He transformed the vast stage into the desolate wastes of this winter landscape of the soul, filling it both with the presence of a body which entirely inhabits the music, and with long-breathed lines of melody.

Only very seldom does one hear such bel canto in Schubert. The beauty with which Goerne's voice traces the unbroken arcs of melody in these songs is a reminder of Schubert's enthusiasm for Italian opera. And, when this melodic sense counterpoints with the biting underlay of individual words, the poignancy of Schubert's setting becomes almost unbearable. Goerne and Brendel stared wide-eyed into the very heart of Schubert's darkness in a rare fusion of immaculate technique and

The depth of Brendel's introductory chords to Das Wirtshaus created a sense of awful finality. Yet in this cycle there is no resting place, only an endless circling, evoked so eloquently in Goerne's and Brendel's vision of The Crow, prefiguring the eternal grinding of the Hurdy Gurdy Man.

Any sense of light in this darkness is illusion, and Brendel's piano playing in that dream of the central fruhlingstraum was to re-echo in Schubert's last Sonata in B Flat which he played after the interval. This was an extraordinary piece of programming. The dark, coiled figures in the left hand and the light-filled melody in the right formed a continuum with the song cycle, and grew ever more polarised as reality and dream fused in Brendel's visionary performance.

HILARY FINCH

# South Coast vitality

Royal Concort Barbican Hall/Radio 3

WHILE the Golden Wedding Gala, was in full spate on the South Bank, a different royal concert was to be heard in the City. This was the annual event to mark the feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music and musicians, at which all those taking part give their services in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund and allied charities. Diana, Princess of Wales, was active in support of these causes, and the programme was dedicated to her memory.

Major British orchestras take it in turn to perform, and this year brought the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra under its dapper young Leningradborn principal conductor. Yakov Kreizberg. He first vielded precedence to the Army's Principal Director of Music, Lieutenant-Colonel Stuart Watts, who conducted the trumpeters of the Royal Military School of Music in a fanfare prelude, before embellishing Gordon Jacob's ceremonious

Another guest was the cellist Steven Isserlis, as soloist in Elgar's Concerto. While he is certainly no stranger to the work, he was perhaps taking it too much for granted. The music's prevailing mood of poignant sorrow was apt for the memorial aspect, but the soloist spread such a sense of bland and benevolent calm over it as to render nugatory its beauty of phrase and emotional eloquence, until the final movement brought more intensity

After the interval Kreizberg invieorated a previously somewhat somnolent orchestra by putting its instrumental skills on bolder display, first in Till Eulenspiegel by Richard orchestral narrative, flecked with instrumental humour and vividly catching the vagrant spirit of its subject.

Then Stravinsky's 1919 suite from The Firebird, scintillating in the firebird's dance, strongly chiselled in the Infernal Dance, and with an engaging balance of harp and woodwind in the Lullaby. The conductor was properly generous with his sectional calls for applause at the end, for this South Coast orchestra can now count itself the rival of Birmingham among those from outside London, a polished ensemble of international calibre.

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There is always crisis in the arts world. It goes with the



# Luvvies fall out of love with Labour

territory, boy. But the present mood is different. Let me explain it obliquely. The Spanish Inquisition had a torture called. simply, "hope". A prisoner would available evidence suggested. be allowed to escape, given a glimpse of daylight. He would climb what he imagined to be the Now the truth has dawned. Hope, so fondly kindled in springtime, has turned to ashes in the last barrier to freedom ... and cold winds of autumn. I haven't yet drop straight into a trap laid by his heard anybody in the arts world say "come back Mrs Bottomley, all captors. In an instant his spirit would be crushed. Luigi Dallapicis forgiven". But disillusion is cola wrote a wonderful opera, Il swelling like a blister.

prigioniero, on the subject That is hardly surprising. I Well, in 1997 the British arts cannot remember a month to rival world was tortured by hope. this one for bad news. First came Before the general election, the the revelations of glorious fiasco at naivety coming from leading luvvies was breathtaking. Talk of Covent Garden, compounded this week by Midland Bank's decision 'ending an 18-year dark age" was to end its excellent, 26-year sponscommonplace. So was rejoicing at the coming of a Government "that orship of the "Proms" weeks at the Royal Opera House because it really understands our needs". thinks the place is too elitist. Never mind that Labour's arts After that came a succession of policy was a flimsy tissue of vague buzzwords. A kind of Orwellian doublethink gripped the arts world: a belief in what it wanted to

dire tales from the theatre world. Several pioneering London venues have had their grants cut. The Royal Shakespeare Company re-

Chichester Festival Theatre announced a whacking £600,000 loss on the year. As for the other regional theatres, some have no bad figures to report because they have gone permanently dark.

Twas ever this grim, you say. and I would agree with you. But the difference this year is that the arts world has been through the torture of hope. Now it finds itself locked in exactly the same prison cell as it inhabited before May. Only the guards have changed. So panic has set in. Journalists

are charged with "stirring up trouble", simply for reporting bad news. Sir Jeremy Isaacs, the for-mer Covent Garden boss, says as much in the New Statesman today. "Commentators, and others dressed in a little brief authority, cavil, snipe and sneer," he sniffs.



**RICHARD MORRISON** 

from John Tusa, the Barbican Centre's boss, in an extraordinary speech on Wednesday. Here's a

taste of his paranoia: For the press, even the respectable part of it, it is a question of Last summer, a well known arts reporter said to me 'We have done for Covent Garden; it will be ENO next'. Arts reporting follows a general current of public mood that is at best indifferent to the performing arts and at worst actively hostile. It is difficult to see where the arts writers themselves stand on the issue of the arts crisis, Ladies and gentlemen, whose side

are you on?" This is magnificent rhetoric, but a bit skewed on the fact front. First, Tusa should recall that he is head of the Barbican precisely because allegedly "uncaring" journalists campaigned against his unsatisfactory predecessor, at a time when the cowed staff of the Barbican, LSO and RSC hadn't got the bottle to do so themselves, Since then, the Barbican has gone from strength to strength.

that for every "bad news" article about the arts, there are pages of glowing previews, flattering interviews and mouthwatering reviews. And thirdly, he should accept that arts reporters are not propaganda agents of the Arts Council. Are they supposed to turn a blind eye to failure, because they believe the arts to be "basically a good thing? Don't be daft, sir.

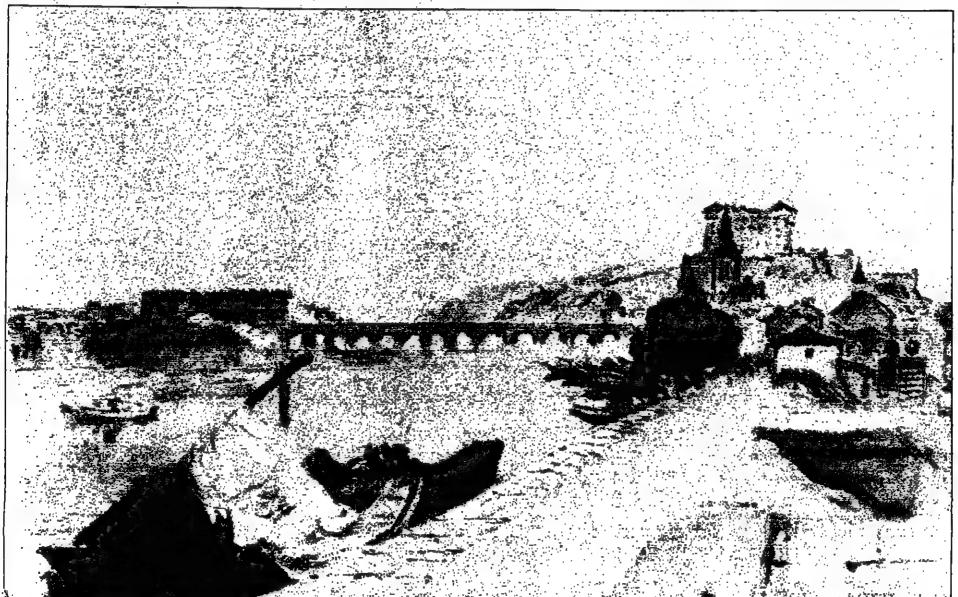
et's get this straight: British arts organisations are floundering not because newspapers are hostile to them, but because almost everybody else is. Why do the arts have so few friends in the TV companies, who neither report nor cover anything vaguely "highbrow"? Why do so few local councillors vote money for the arts? Why are Cabinet ministers indifferent? Why are

sponsorship deals? Why are teachers not evangelising for the arts in their classrooms?

The answer is that, by and large, these hugely influential "opinion formers" have themselves not been initiated into the pleasures of the arts. Fighting the accusations of elitism is not simply a matter of reducing ticket prices. It is also about getting the right people on your side - people who can enthuse on your behalf. You don't do that by berating them for being ignorant philistines. You entice and persuade over many years.

Can the arts world start to do that, having neglected the task for so long? I don't know. But it must certainly try. Instead of moaning pathetically about this Government being no better than the last", arts people should learn to find their own solutions. Otherwise the cell-door will slam shut for ever, the light will be switched off, and British high culture will be left to rot in a solitary confinement of its own devising.

GALLERIES: The fruits of Turner's steamer trip up the Loire in 1826 are on show at the Tate. Isabel Carlisle reports



steamer in October 1826, he was well into his stride as an artist. He had already travelled to Italy and round England, his eye for the romantic and atmospheric was well sharpened, and he was in search of new territory. Post-Napoleonic France was beginning to attract tourists, and Turner was in the cultural vanguard. The town of Tours was aiready a popular centre for the English and Sir Walter Scott had set part of the action of his novel Quentin Durward (published three years before) there and in Liège, but very few travellers had been west of

Mont St-Michel or explored the Loire below Angers. As ever, Turner had a publishing venture in mind.

# River of pure light

sketches of the Loire that he worked up from the pencil drawings in his notebooks, 21 went to the engravers to be made into plates for the first volume of Turner's Annual Tour. The book was a critical success when published in 1832, but only two more volumes in the series appeared. and Turner later gave the original watercolours to Rus-

These, as well as the vast majority of the sketches, have been reassembled for this exhibition. In addition there are the little pocket notebooks;

some finished oils that resulted directly from the Normandy-Brittany-Loire tour; and some of the initial proofs for the plates that Turner annotated or scratched with his thumbnail to introduce areas of light into sky or water. In particular there is one oil painting. The Banks of the Loire, loaned from Massachusetts, that has only now been identified as one of Turner's missing works.

For Turner, the Loire combined his ideal subjects of light, water and landscape, but in such a way that his body

watercolours. The Loire is a shallow, sandy river that reflects the sky. Its glassy surfaces have a tranquillity that gives a contemplative, almost melancholy, mood to the paintings. There is not a hint of the tremendous haste with which Turner sketched while on the river, or dashed between towns in a diligence on the shore. With only two weeks devoted to the Loire, Turner had no more than half a day in most places, although at the beginning he spent two

days in Nantes.

different from any of his other . colours is further heightened by the use of blue paper which had been in production only since 1823. Its mottled appearance lent itself to the effect of mist rising from the river, as in A Distant View of the Château de Clermont, where fishermen are out on the still water in the early morning, or created a serene backdrop to architecture as in Tours: the cathedral from the Place de l'Archeveche.

To create drama out of uneventful placidity Turner frequently looked for striking architecture set against sunrises and seen from below. On

its terrace above the Loire, the Château of Amboise is viewed from water level, the rising sun obscured behind it. Alternatively Turner chose the parts of the river that have cliffs along their banks. In The ruined péage at Champto-ceaux Turner is sailing close to the south bank, almost in the shadow of the mountainous sides. The former toll station. built in the 13th century, juts out into the river, but Turner was steaming by too fast to make out what it was. It remains an equivocal ruin that, along with the moored sailing barge, evokes a nostalgia for the past.

Turner on the Loire, the tour through Northern France in 1826 is at the Tate Gallery until February 15 (admission free). The exhibition

# John Birt, come on down!

There are only 32 annual awards ceremony days left before Christmas so I have been wondering whether to ignore them altogether or make an early move by announcing the radio awards. My mind was made up for me on Tuesday when I heard on Radio 5 Live a programme that demanded an awards ceremony all to itself.

This programme goes out at 9am and is called, eponymously, Nicky Campbell. The first hour of the programme is always a phone-in: a studio guest is grilled, or at least asked questions, by listeners.

The success of the show is in part dependent on the quality of the calls, but the studio guest can make or break the hour if he or she has some thing interesting to say. So I was particularly looking for ward to Tuesday when the guest was a man who is reputed to be familiar with the broadcast media. His name is John Birt and he is Director-General of the BBC, so I am the first to admit that he had an advantage when the judges met to decide The Times Radio Awards for 1997.

Remark Most Likely to Provoke Envy in Listeners: Winner, John Birt on Radio 5 Live. There are only a handful of digital radio sets in the country, and one of them is in my car, so I hear marvellous, digital. CD-quality sound."

ing The Wrong Impression and Correcting That Impression: John Birt on Radio 5 Live, who told a listener that when he referred, two years ago, to "overbearing interviewers" he had not meant BBC interviewers. "I wasn't talking about the BBC, it was a long speech which plotted the way broadcusting, not just the BBC, had covered politics over a long period of time... I wasn't suggesting for a moment that that was a general characteristic of BBC interviewing.

The John Prescott Award for the Most Perplexing Answer to a Straight Question: John Birt on Radio 5 Live. Asked about the perceived absence of a contemporary music service for listeners who are too old for Radio I but too young for Radio 2, Birt said: "You have a very strong point, one we would like to do something about ourselves. Digital radio will take sume of the conRADIO

straints off the amount we can broadcast at the moment." Does this mean digital radios transmit different music, or is the BBC planning another music network? Special Award for Resisting

Temptation to Ridicule A Calier: John Birt on Radio 5 Live. "We've made great strides over the last ten years in reflecting a multicultural Brit-ain and seeing members of ethnic minorities come forward in significant numbers." He had been asked why there were not more people from ethnic minorities in "classic serials such as Pride and

PETER BARNARD





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# Spice up your soul food

**ALL SAINTS** All Saints

(London 828979 £13.99) IT IS a simple fact of 1997 life that any new group of glamorous female singers will be compared to the Spice Girls. However, that is more a measure of the Spice Girls' overwhelming pre-eminence than it is a reflection on the music of All Saints, four young women from West London whose self-titled debut album boasts some of the most stylishly soulful pop you will hear this vear.

The opening track, Never Ever, is enough to disabuse anyone of the idea that this is one of those pop albums where the froth rises to the top. A long, slow, gospel-influ-enced tune with a spoken intro - "All the answers to my

questions I have to find . . . " it is produced, as is much of the album, by Cameron McVey of Neneh Cherry fame. The reflective tone continues through to the dark, almost trip-hop shades of Alone and a creditable version of the Red Hot Chili Peppers song Under the Bridge, which boasts some brilliantly cut-up guitar samples lifted from the original.

Other songs have been carefully tailored for the teenpop/dance market, most obviously Let's Get Started and their recent hit, I Know Where It's At. But the slinky, sexy sound of Bootie Call and a deverly updated arrangement of the LaBelle standard. Lady Marmalade, confirm All Saints as a group working more in the R&B tradition of TLC and En Vogue than in the pure pop world of the Spice Girls. Either way, on the strength of this album, All where near the top

PAUL SIMON Songs from The Capeman (Warner Bros 9362-46814 £13.99)

APART from Pete Townshend (Tommy) and Elton John (The Lion King), it is difficult to think of any pop star who has had the inclination or wherewithal to write a Broadway musical. But Paul Simon has never been an artist to be put off by lack of precedent, and his first studio album in six years is a prelude to his musical The Capeman, written with the Caribbean poet and playwright Derek Walcott, which opens on Broadway in January.

In telling the true story of Salvador Agron, a young Puerto Rican thug who was imprisoned in 1959 for stabbing to death two innocent

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#### **NEW ALBUMS**

New York, The Capeman inevitably echoes the tale of gang warfare and romantic despair that informed West Side Story. But the musical vocabulary of The Capeman a scrupulously observed combination of 1950s doo-wop vocal harmonies and warm, flowing Latin rhythms could not be further removed from the brash showband arrangements of West Side Story, while the lyrics have a natural conversational tone that pushes the narrative forward with a minimum of fuss but, at times, tremendous

In immersing himself in someone else's tragic story instead of the minutiae of his own life. Simon has located a rich new seam in his work. making Songs From The Capeman a gain for popular music as much as the theatre.

#### PETER ANDRE

(Mushroom MUSHI8 £13.49) With its mixture of slow, super-manicured ballads such as Letting You Go and smoothy, mid-tempo pop-soul songs (I See You, All About Us), Time finds Peter Andre being groomed with carefullycalculated precision to be the next George Michael, as if one wasn't enough.

Heavyweight collaborators including Coolio, Montell Jordan and the Fugees (who contribute to an insipid version of Smokey Robinson's Tracks of my Tears) have been drafted in to lend credibility, and the result is an album of which sounds more like the practised work of a committee of experts than it does the product of Andre's own creative instincts or artistic



All Saints may be young, pretty and energetic, but any resemblance between them and the Spice Girls ends there. For a start, there are only four of them

THE REPLACEMENTS All for Nothing/ Nothing for All (Reprise 9362-46807; two discs £23.99) for their RENOWNED much as for their raucous yet poetic brand of garage band rock'n'roll, the Replacements were the beautiful losers of American pop in the 1980s. Their nine-album, II-year

All For Nothing (what a sad title) is a compilation which collects the best of many gems
— Left of the Dial, Kiss Me on the Bus, Alex Chilton, Skyway, for which they were justifiably adored by both their fans and a disproportionate amount of industry tastemakers.

career produced no hits, but

The second disc, Nothing for All, is a more uneven

collection of 17 previously unreleased tracks ranging from a sprightly live version of the Only Ones' Another Girl, Another Planet to a drunken. rehearsal-room slouch Rolling Pin (sic), a salutary recording which highlights the dangers of swallowing too much of your own mythology.

DAVID SINCLAIR

# TOP TEN ALBUMS . Spice Girls (Virgin) ......Verye (Hut)

We've only been going nine months, but the Sixties Survi-

vors Grapevine seem to have

contacted every member, and

told them to get down to

So I don't suppose you recall

meeting a man in a waxed har

at a Kenickie gig four months

ago, I inquire, curious to see if the Montrose Avenue were

trying the Menswear Road to

Fame (buttonholing journalists at gigs and insisting they

Scott looks blank. "Er, was I

there? No, I don't remember.

I'll talk to anyone who looks

She's Looking for Me is released on Monday by Sony. The Mon-trose Avenue play King Tut's in Glasgow tonight

love Menswear).

like they love music."

Montrose Avenue gigs."

**Greatest Hits** Lightning Seeds (Epic) Paint the Sky with Stere White on Blonde..... : Enya (WEA) John Lerinon (Parlophone) Copyright CBI

Caitlin Moran conducts the third ever interview with the Montrose Avenue. Save it – they are going to be huge

fairly wide brim; not quite L cowboy, but something that, nonetheless, looks as if it has been in sniffing distance of a ranch at some point. Heaven only knows why my friend chose to wear it to a Kenickie gig — the dress code for Kenickie gigs is generally a tiara and a sequinned sheath but there it was, a big waxed cowhide among cheap Wool-

Worth's crowns. A curly-haired boy sporting 10in flares and Woodstock eyes hove into view. "Cool hat," he said, jump-starting the conversation. "The kind of thing David Crosby would

wear." "Possibly. Not at a Kenickie The beat where you live

my friend replied, happy to talk to a stranger after the magic words "David Crosby" had been mentioned. It turned out, after a pint, that the Woodstock boy was called Scott, and he had a band. "What's your favourite chord?" my friend asked young Scott.

"Oh, E minor."

"Three part," Scott said proudly. "Er. I'm a music journalist."

my friend said, rather apologetically. "and I generally gig. but more generally, yeah,"

"And do you use harmo-

ďance!"

an unknown band should blanch, do a double take, and then squeak excitedly: "Why, certainly! A music journalist! Cor blimey! I tell you what, I'll sing my songs for you right here! And do a sexy little

trust any band that favours E

minor and three-part harmo-

nies. Do you want to send us a

At this point, any boy from

But Scott shook his head, much as John Lennon might have in 1967 if someone had said: "Tell you what, John -as a favour, I'll come down and listen to some of your Sgt Pepper malarkey. But I'm not

promising anything."
"They're not ready for anyone to listen to yet." he said. "Well, can I see you live?" my friend persisted. "Are you

doing any dates soon?"
"Oh, you'll hear about us soon enough." Scott murmured. "We're the Montrose Avenue." And with that he disappeared into the audience.

Sure enough, four months later we shoved our way into a heaving room greasy with sweat and nicotine, and watched the Montrose Avenue confident. When a band have "it", that wizard alchemy that causes their music to spark and levitate, your body starts shivering while your mind is still trying to work out what

guitars they use. The band's influences are obvious - the Byrds; Crosby. Stills, Nash and Young: the Beach Boys: Rowli, the piano-playing dog from The Muppet Show — but delivered with such 22-year-old adrenalin verve that it doesn't seem like necrophilia, simply a continuation of groovy things past.

And it's so delightful watch-

ing them play that you find yourself giggling like a ticklish toddler. They still have that joyful, new-band peachy fuzz that means each song is an adventure, each harmony thrills them as much as it thrills us, and being called back for encores sees them reduced to hysterical laughter.

R ob Lindsay-Clark, the main vocalist and nuclear tambourine player, looks like a cartoon Osmond after a week at Glastonbury, teeth as large as tombstones set in a permanent grin. Scott's voice is a pure ache, scarred and bruised from life's stinkier moments, but still wildly beautiful. When, with third vocalist Paul Williams, they hit the harmonies on She's Looking for Me, one audience member becomes so delirious he strips to the waist and jumps on stage to dance ecstatically.

"He must have been at least 50," Scott marvels, three days later. He and Lindsay-Clark are sprawled across a sofa at a North London studio. As this is the Montrose Avenue's third ever interview, Lindsay-Clark becomes so self-conscious and embarrassed that, on occasion, he stuffs his head between two cushions and giggles helplessly while drumming his feet on the floor. Scott gives him a friendly

siap.
"We seem to get a lot of people like that," he continues. People who were around in the Sixties seem to have a lot of flashbacks when they see us.

Stuck in a groove SUCCESS can truly be a double-edged sword and Portishead have the scars to

prove it. In 1995, they were in the vanguard of Bristol's triphop explosion, leading from the front as the city's crack team of innovative and in-

spired musicians sand-blasted the archaic walls of the British Their debut album, Dummy, scooped the Mercury music prize and was played in dance clubs and wine bars. But the zeitgeist waits for nobody and when it came to making that "difficult" second album, Geoff Barrow and Beth Gibbons — the creative hub of the band — found it to

be just that. Emerging from hibernation with a high-profile showcase gig in New York last July, this concert in a packed Olympia marked the beginning of a tour schedule that will see them trek around Britain and America before Christmas.

LIVE GIG Olympia, Dubin

Given the palpable sense of expectation in the air beforehand, it is both reassuring and disappointing to find that Portishead have left things pretty much as they were.

The evening begins with a sole DJ on stage furtively tinkering with hip-hop records, while a home video of a car journey is projected onto the wall behind.

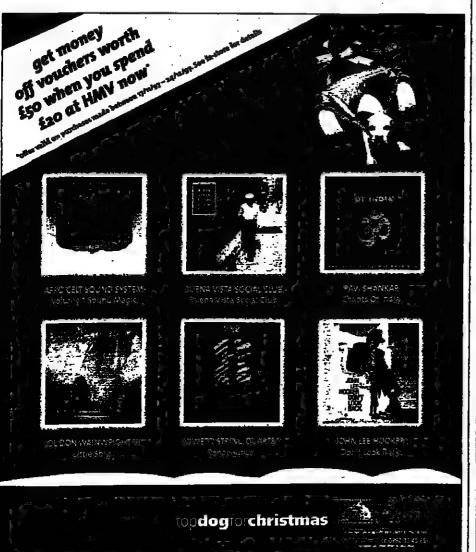
Eventually, Barrow, the sound maestro of the band, joins him on another deck and the stage is set for the rest of the group to start Humming, from the current eponymous album. But it's rather low-key and even the early appearance of Numb, their debut benchmark single, really fails to

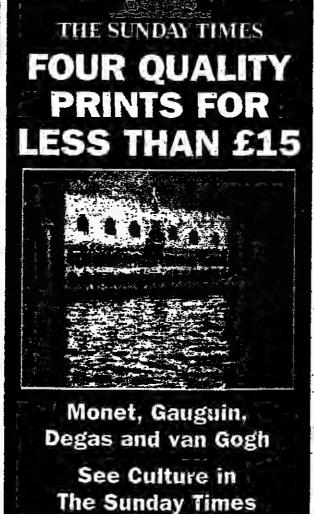
kick-start proceedings.
Indeed, a glut of songs from the new album just blur into one another. True, taken together, they define what Portishead are about — a highly stylised, studied melancholia - but it is as though the band are afraid any variation will break the spell

Half Day Closing, th weaves its own magic, with Gibbons's shrill, voice sounding all the more forceful after being fed through an effects blender. A good old-fashioned blues singer in the tradition of Billie Holiday, Gibbons clings to the microphone as though it were a lifebelt, her only protection against the gaze of the audi-ence. She really does seem that fragile.

Adrian Utley's spy-movie guitar twang — which surely paved the way for David Arnold's James Bond project - and Barrow's continued vinyl scratching, along with Moog atmospherics and sullen double bass, all combined to create a sound that was far warmer than one might have expected. And indeed Glory Box and a reworked Sour Times brought the house down. But nevertheless there's a clinical perfectionism at the heart of Portishead's music that sits uneasily with the emotional chaos rendered in the lyrics.

NICK KELLY







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deaf. Add a classically trained keyboardist known as Sister Bliss who gave up music college to become one of Britain's few female house DJs. Mix in a Buddhist hip hop rapper from Brixton who calls himself Maxi Jazz and a hippy folk singer called Jamie Catto who can be heard talking whimsically about

Portishead

Oiympia, Dublin

this unlikely quartet was not assembled in the fashion of the Spice Girls by some pop svengali seeking the perfectly contrived marketing commodity. Put Faithless in a studio and you could be forgiven for believing that the odds against them emerg-The strain of the second ing with a gold album of some of the most atmospheric and downright catchy dance music to hit the club floor this decade would be roughly on a par with the likelihood

> producing the complete works of Shakespeare. Yet somehow the formula - or complete lack of one - has worked a treat. Drawing not only on house. techno and rap but deploying more traditional elements of pop and folk and embellishing the sound with the odd flourish of opera and whatever else they feel like feeding into their samplers, Faithless make accessible dance music that sounds as good in the comfort of your own living room as it does in a sweaty

of those chimpanzees

let loose on typewriters

visiting Africa to record the sound

Together they constitute Faith-

Ask the million people who bought the first album, Reverence. Or the three million who handed over their hard-earned cash for the hit singles Salva Mea and Insomnia. Or get in touch with Danny Boyle, the director of Trainspotting, who used their sumptuous balled Don't Leave as the main love theme for his latest hit, A Life Less Ordinary.

Rollo and his cohorts are also among the most articulate advocates of the electronic-based techniques of modern music-making. advance since the guitar," he says. "I can't play an instrument or read music so this is how I started. The made at the moment is because.

ake an honours graduate in philosophy who answers to the name of Rollo people are no longer in awe of the technology, it has become secondary to the creative process. It is just and admits to being tone a tool you switch on like a microwave oven."

Even singer Jamie Catto, who admits that he always thought music was something you made with three chords on a guitar and hated house music when he first heard it, is a convert. "I had to be re-educated because I thought that anything that came out of a machine couldn't have soul. But you can record a drummer in the streets of Marrakech, for example, less and, as you will have gathered, and you only need two bars. You put it in the sampler, it all overlays you pitch it and put it in time and it sounds awesome. The possibilities

> pure snobbery not to see that." "Your bedroom becomes a place of ultimate creativity," Rollo says. You can take a bit of anything and make it sound brilliant. You can make hit records for less than a grand. It has changed the face of modern music."

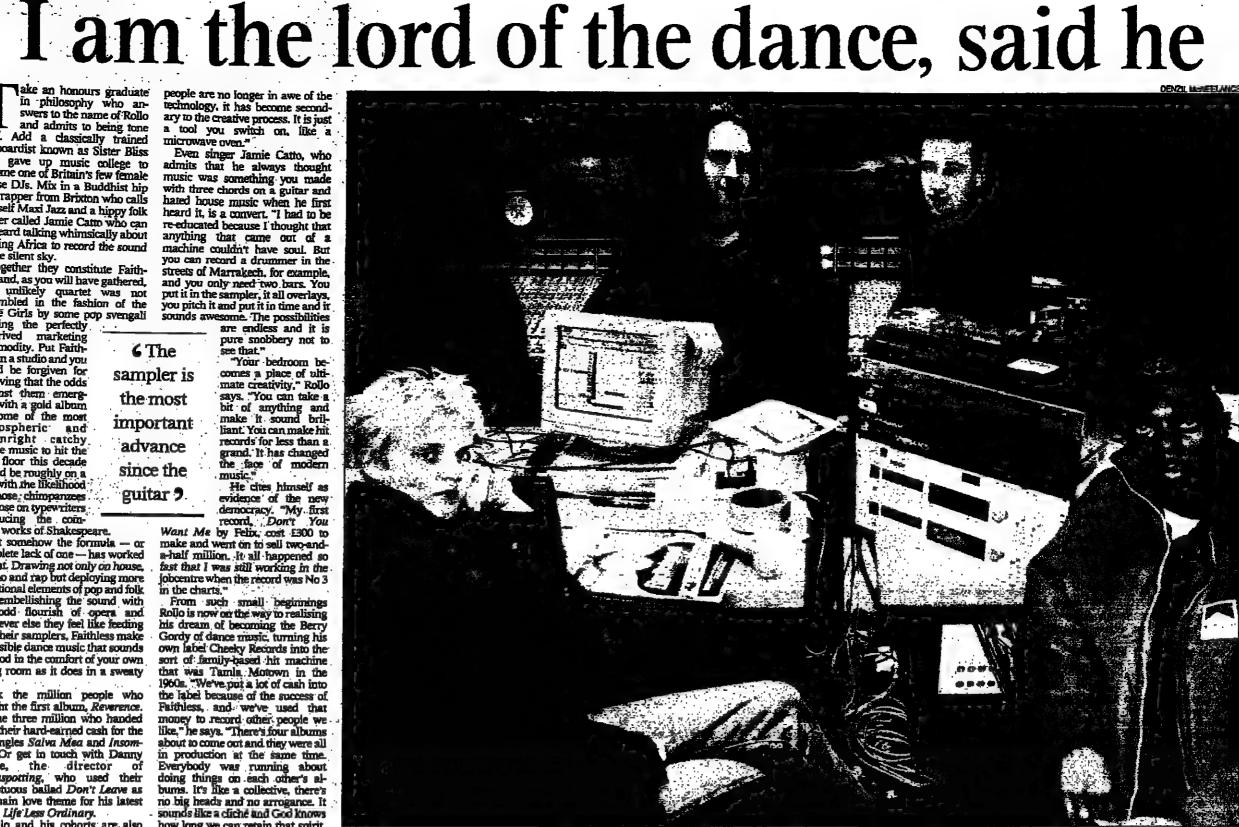
He cites himself as

are endless and it is

evidence of the new democracy. "My first record, Don't You Want Me by Felix, cost £300 to make and went on to sell two anda-half million. It all happened so fast that I was still working in the jobcentre when the record was No 3 in the charts."

From such small beginnings Rollo is now on the way to realising his dream of becoming the Berry Gordy of dance music, turning his own label Cheeky Records into the sort of family-based hit machine that was Tamla Motown in the 1960s. "We've put a lot of cash into the label because of the success of Faithless, and we've used that money to record other people we like," he says. "There's four albums about to come out and they were all in production at the same time. Everybody was running about doing things on each other's al-bums. It's like a collective, there's no big heads and no arrogance. It sounds like a clicke and God knows how long we can retain that spirit, but it is actually true."

His earliest collaborator was Sister Bliss, who became a DJ after "The sampler is the most important: buying a pair of decks with her student loan. She still DJs but has also enjoyed the way that Faithless, originally intended as purely a reason there are so many sobstant studio project; has turned into one tial dance music albums being, of the busiest live acts on the dance scene, performing in 21 different



Faithless --- or, as they are known to their mums and dads, Sister Bliss, Jamie Catto, Rollo and Maxi Jazz -- take time out to reflect on million-selling albums and all that

countries this year alone. Their biggest UK tour to date started this week. "There's a different energy on stage," she says. "It's a nine piece band so we are not just two people with a tape deck standing there looking sheepish. It is a big show and it is very personality led."

The band prides itself on being more listener-friendly than a lot of electronic-based music. "Dance music has wasted so many opportunities," Rollo says. "It has great bucking tracks but is often held back by the lack of lyrical content. Even though we are using modern

Rollo can't play a note, but he and his band, Faithless, are building a chart-busting empire. Nigel Williamson reports

technology we are employing traditional ways of moving people - like songs and chord structures - and a lot of it is built around Maxi's

words." The sheer volume of records Faithless have sold means that they are now big business and the pressures are on as they record their second album. "Making the first one was very relaxed, it was like a hobby," Maxi says, ruefully. They all accept that such indulout on the other side of the studio door," Rollo says, sounding every bit the successful record label boss. Berry Gordy could not have put it

gence is a thing of the past. "It's a different ethos this time, but it's my job to keep the business side locked Don't Leave is released by Cheeky Records. Faithless play the Cathouse, Glasgow; tonight

# **Three** kings

Big Satan (Winter & Winter 910 005-2) ALTHOUGH the American saxophomist Tim Berne and drummer Tom Rainey constithte two thirds of the freely improvising group Para-phrase, this trio, completed by French guitarist Marc Ducret, occupies more structured musical territory, similar to that explored so elegantly in the past decade by the Paul Motian Trio. Idiosyncratic, scurrying -

occasionally downright rol-licking — themes spark off adventurous bouts of rousing, gutsy improvisation from Berne, on both alto and baritone, complemented by Ducret's fierce, multi-textured but tightly controlled guitar work and underpinned by Rainey's vigorous, tumbling drums. Berne's composing and improvising are comparatively familiar from his frequent collaborations with New

York's so-called Downtown figures: Ducret's work. stirringly original and worthy Frisell or Wolfgang Muthspiel, richly deserves the greater exposure that this consistently challenging album provides.

MIKE WESTBROOK

WHOLLY devoted to the songs of Friedrich Hollaender, who composed for Max Reinhardt and wrote Falling in Love Again in Germany before moving to Hollywood in the early 1930s, this album not only illuminates the lesserknown work of an underrated songwriter, but also provides a showcase for the zestful, powerfully dramatic vocal style of one of the UK's most individual singers, Kate Westbrook.

Tenderly accompanied by Mike Westbrook's delightfully subtle piano, she crooms, whispers, sighs, snarls and growls her way through material from such films as Desire as well as the Dietrich vehicles The Blue Angel and Destry Rides Again, and although her extraordinary impact is best savoured live, this album provides an excellent appetiser for the duo's stage

CHRIS PARKER

Catching them young

BLUES music isn't necessarily that high in a young person's musical priorities. But Russell Beecher, from Guildford, Surrey, who has just turned 20, and Khaled Abdullah, 21, plan to change all that. They have launched a new record label, Catfish, and its first releases act as a blues primer for anyone who is interested in the roots of popular music.

"I got into the music when I was II after reading a book by Charles Shaar Murray about Jimi Hendrix, and now I want to introduce it to people who haven't heard it before," says Beecher. The initial releases include Squeeze My Lemon (KATCD 101), a 23-track collec-tion of Blind Lemon Jeffer son's work, Old Original Kokomo Blues (KATCD 102), a set by 1930s bluesman Kokomo Arnold, and Get Back Jack, Do It Again (KATCD 104), by barrelhouse pianist Champion Jack Dupree. Eventually, Beecher

record boss, Mike Vernon, when he founded the famous Blues Horizon label back in 1965. Starting with a track recorded by Howlin Wolf guitarist Hubert Sumiin in Vernon's bedroom, the label Shack, Savoy Brown and, of course, Fleetwood Mac. Now 70 of the label's tracks have been collected together to form a handsome three-record box set, complete with lavishly illustrated booklet - The Blue Horizon Story 1965-1970 Vol.1 (Columbia 488992 2).

If you are looking for a British-based label that is still recording contemporary blues, then keep an eye out for blues aficionado John Steadman's JSP records. His latest batch of releases includes a set by guitar virtuoso Kenny "Blue" Ray, In All Of My Life (ISPCD 289), a jump-ing debut by Fort Worth vocalist Alanda Williams, Kid Dynamite (JSPCD 292), some high energy blues from guitarist Chris Beard, Barwalkin' (JSPCD 288) and the jazz-influenced The Lowdown Throwdown by songwriter and guitar player Ike Cosse (JSPCD 283).

JOHN CLARKE

#### records by present-day blues-And give or take 30 years or ZEPPELIN LED so, that was the same path taken by the blues fan turned



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# 'I really hate sacking people'

Bridget Rowe has a fearsome reputation as a tabloid editor. Interview by Carol Midgley

ridget Rowe is poring over a light-hearted feature article involving foot-high photographs of male genitalia and wondering if there is any way she can acceptably publish it in the Sunday Mirror, the family newspaper she edits.

"It's brilliant, isn't it?" she enthuses in

her 22nd-floor office at London's Canary Wharf. "But could I get away with it?" Considering how fortune has smiled on Rowe over the past few years, she, of all

editors, probably could.

Not only did she secure the first pictures of Diana, Princess of Wales, kissing Dodi Fayed for the Sunday Mirror, but she also exposed Piers Merchant, the former Tory MP for Beckenham, as an adulterer and serial liar (he had consistently denied the affair with Anna Cox) and provided the pic-

The Merchant story was a significant victory, and timely in the wake of pressures on tabloid newspapers. Rowe is also a member of the Press Complaints Commission's code of conduct committee and

a fervent campaigner

against a privacy Bill:

That story was right to

do, it had to be done and the new code won't stop that sort of investigative journalism. It mustn't and it can't. That's why a privacy Bill could be extremely dangerous. People like Piers Merchant would

She and Merchant have never met or even spoken directly ("I would have enjoyed that") and, despite his threats. he has still made no complaint against her newspaper. This is despite the fact that the newspaper published pictures of him under a duvet with Cox even after he had resigned. It had promised to use them only if he continued to protest

innocence. The operation was masterminded brilliantly by the newsdesk. Mr Merchant was such a conceited person; he had very little regard for anybody but himself. He certainly had none for his constituents, the previous Prime Minister or the present Tory leader, all of whom he lied to. He saw himself as 24-

carat perfect." Rowe, 46, is someone of quick intelligence who speaks with a certainty that suggests she does not easily change her mind. When she was Editor of The People, she was often vilified for putting "freakish" stories on the front page that, it was said, pulled the paper downmarket. But she has no doubt that

she was right.
Her philosophy is that in this age of multichannel television and 24-hour news, newspapers have to offer a different kind of entertainment if they are to survive. One of her favourite Stories was a People splash detailing the crimes of Andrei Chikatilo, a cannibal who had murdered 52 people and was incarcerated in a Russian prison before his execution. The front page carried a picture of him staring manically through the bars.

"Everybody said I must be mad to go with that story. They said 'OK, we'll just say she wasn't well that weekend'. But I did it and you couldn't get a copy of the

Newspapers have to be entertaining and different. We can no longer just report the news. It is just whether some purpalists find that act palatable or not. Sunday newspaper market is very right. If people are not loading their trolleys at

Sainsbury's, they are taking their kids to a football match, standing in the pub all day, or watching very good television."
Many journalists find this both unpalatable and depressing, complaining that popular newspapers are drifting away from serious issues towards a diet of showbiz gossip. It is perhaps because Rowe accepted this years ago that she is the only Mirror Group editor to have survived from the pre-Maxwell years.

Insiders tell you that she is tougher than concrete, with a reputation for using obscene langauge (four-letter words regularly being hurled across the newsroom) and dispensing with staff who do not back her - hence the nickname "Death Rowe". The departure of several high-profile journalists soon after she took over last February left many stunned.

Asked about sackings, Rowe answers: "I hate it. I really hate it and it doesn't get easier, it gets harder because you know the person is going to be shocked and it's going to make the staff feel insecure for



Bridget Rowe. "Newspapers have to be entertaining and different. We can no longer just report the news"

several months until things have calmed. down. I know I have a terrible reputation. You have to have backing - and people can't live on their names - they have to deliver the stuff."

"Everybody who writes about me thinks they have come up with the line 'Death Rowe'. I mean, Ian Hislop Editor of Private Eye thinks he is so bloody funny, but it's been around for

Rowe, who is separated from her husband, with whom she has a son. iC. says that reading hurtful pieces about herself no longer wounds. "After you have read the first two pieces, which make your stomach turn over, you can read anything about yourself."

In the aftermath of Diana's death, she has no regrets about using the "kiss pictures". "It was the best thing that could have happened. After the crash, when those flowers and cards started arriving at Kensington Palace, so many said that people were glad she was

happy in the last few weeks of her life. If those pictures hadn't been run, what would everybody have thought if the future King's mother had been found dead in a car in a tunnel in Paris with Dodi Payed and we hadn't realised there was a relationship? But no, we had seen these sensationally happy pictures of her. She knew they were being taken and that we knew that she knew."

owe's arrival at the Sunday Mirror this year (she was already its MD) came after a bloody stand-off with Amanda Platell, the then acting editor. Insiders say the women hated each other, especially after Platell penned an article railing against He-women "who do everything they can to hold other women down". Platell demanded that the Mirror Group chief executive David Montgomery remove "acting" from her title. He refused, she resigned and Rowe was installed.

Rowe believes being the only woman tabloid editor on Fleet Street has helped rather than hindered her. "I'm able to do things differently because I'm female. I am never part of the 'old boys' club'. It's important that you are not seen just as a woman, and also important that you don't try to be a man.

"But it wouldn't help me with the news editor or the chief executive if I got out the white hanky and sniffed."

Many believe she has designs on The Mirror, the daily stablemate of the Sunday Mirror, edited by Piers Morgan. Rowe; however, denies this: "I love it here and next year will be terrific for the Sunday Mirror. But if or when I move from this job, it will probably be to

something very different.
"The mids [mid-market papers] I like a lot. Britain is becoming very mid. The broadsheets are coming down to meet the mids and the tabloids are coming up. We have to make sure that we don't all end up the same."

# Going digital could cause discs to slip

Chris Ayres reports on radio's clash with records

f you could listen to a radio station that played only your taste in music nothing but the Spice Girls, say, or Magner — would you still buy CDs? That question is being asked by record-company executives who worry that digital technology will create hundreds of specialist music channels, causing havor in the CD market. Rob Dickins, chairman of Warner Music UK and the British Phonographic Industry, says that record companies are heading for serious clashes with broadcasters over the serious clashes with broadcasters over the issue, which may result in court action.

Record companies are already in talks with broadcasters such as the BBC and BSkyB, but negotiations are fast reaching a stalemate. The music industry is demanding that companies which create channels devoted to individual genres of music pay higher copyright fees to offset the harm they do to CD sales. But broadcasters - aiready facing huge bills for the development of digital technology — vigorously oppose paying higher fees simply because the means of distribution has changed.

"I envisage tribunals because people expect something for nothing," says Mr Dickins, who refers to specialist music channels as "narrowcasters". "We are investors in intellectual property, and the industry ploughs back 14 per cent of its turnover into new acts, more than nearly any other UK industry. If someone wants to set up a station where all they play is REM.

broadcasting rights fee." The BPI has already taken its case to the Government, and Mr Dickins has revealed that he has privately met both Chris Smith, the Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport, and Peter Mandelson, Minister without Portfolio. The BPI wants Britain to become the first country to ratify a treaty drawn up by the World Intellectual Property Organisation, which will extend copyright law to cover digital services. The treaty has to be ratified by 30 countries before it becomes

The record industry realises that technology will fundamentally change the way music is distributed, and that record companies will become mainly intellectual property owners. The most important issues, therefore, are to stamp out music piracy, which drains more than £3 billion each year from companies' coffers, and to bring copyright law up to date.

I he speed at which the distribution of music is changing was shown this week when AT&T, one of the largest telecommunications companies in the US. revealed that it was setting up a project with record labels to deliver music directly to customers using the Internet. Users would download songs and albums in the way they would load up a piece of software - a process the BPI calls "pointcasting". Virgin Group also said this week that it would set up an online CD shopping service early next year, although this will be based around mail order rather than downloading.

"Technology moves quickly, and legisla-tion slowly," says Mr Dickins. "We want to be prepared so that if — when — people choose to consume the music in which we invest in a different way, we can cover ourselves for payment. The right to put music into someone's house must be controlled. It's our intellectual property they're dealing with."

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# Copper's shoes get the boot

■ IF YOU watch The Bill, you know that it always ends with two pairs of feet in black copper's shoes walking across cobblestones in time to the theme tune. Now, after nine years, the new executive producer, Richard Handford, plans to scrap the sequence in the new year, pointing out: "How often do ou walk across cobblestones in Inner London?"

So the theme tune has been rerecorded, at a faster tempo, and the feet will disappear. Instead there will be a trailer for the next episode.

But what will the Met make of The Bill's first scripts about police corruption, starting in January? Detective Sergeant Beech will be seen taking backhanders and falsifying popular PC Stamp will crash his police car and kill a pedestrian, leading to a manslaughter trial.

By these devices and a dollop of soapification, ITV hopes to fight off the BBC's shows about real people -Changing Rooms, one of its most successful, is moving from from BBC2 to BBC1 and will be pitted against The Bill. Mr Handford says: The Bill is the last bastion of the single play. There will still be one-offs, but there will also be stories running over

CAN ONE be a little bit commercial? The BBC is having coy Auntie-style feelings over its newly launched UKTV cable and satellite

four or five episodes."



The Bill's closing sequence will be replaced by a trailer



channels, UK Gold, Style, are funded by advertising sold by its commercial part-ner, Flextech. But the BBC is checking that nothing too demeaning is placed next to repeats of its precious programmes - direct response advertisements and commercials for sanitary protection have caused palpitations, says the advertising industry.

■ JOHN BIRT, BBC Director-General, loves talking about a new piece of kit, a one-man-operated "suitcase" packed with mini-cameras and gizmos that can replace outside broadcast lorries. The suitcase got its first trial-last weekend, at a country music concert at Birmingham's International Convention Centre. The recording was apparently successful, and will be analysed by the BBC's Smart TV unit, dedimethods. How long before it is dispatched to the Proms?

MY ITEM about The Dai-

ly Telegraph's own-goal subscription drive drew this response from Brian Ward. 75 years old and 40 years a reader. "When my £52 a year deal expired, I accepted an offer to renew at £120 for 48 weeks. Then I discovered a retired friend at the squash club, another regular Telegraph reader, had been ofed 48 weeks for £72." Mr Ward asked for equal treatment but was turned down. so he stopped the habit of a

THE latest audited sales figures for national newspapers show the Diana effect faded away last month. But Jim Chisholm, the newspaper marketing guru, points out that the huge rise in late-night shopping — 17 cated to introducing cut-price million people do it - pro-

many morning newspapers sell out very early, while evening papers operate to ever earlier edition times? Is the answer a 24-hour newspaper, or better marketing? Meanwhile, despite at-

tempts to woo a younger crowd, the average age of readers of all papers, bar The Star, remains over 40. The average has risen in the past ten years.

YOUR CHANCE to beat

the experts. Michael Jackson, chief executive of Channel 4. set journalists a quiz at the launch of its Christmas schedule. 1. What was Channel 4's first

certified hit? 2. How many minutes into

the future was Max Headroom: the Movie set? 3. Who played the first character in Brookside to die? 4. Which was the favourite

programme of a) Jeremy Isaacs: b) Michael Grade? None of the journalists present got more than one question right.

Answers: J. The Snowman 2, 20 minutes 3. Danny Webb, playing Gavin; he fell under a bus. 4. a) Max Headroom b) The Interview

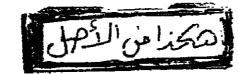
# Coming soon to a giant dustbowl near you

THIS has been a tense month at the British Film Institute. The new chairman, the film-maker Alan Parker (Midnight Express, Bugsy Malone, Fame), and his deputy, Joan Bakewell, developed cold feet over its new £20 million Imax cinema for London's South Bank. This is due to rise by 1999 in the middle of the huge Waterloo roundabout, a horrible dustbowl. The cinema, showing special-effect films on a giant curved screen, is meant to be a massive tourist attraction, and rescue the nearby Museum of the Moving Image, run by the BFI. With work starting this month

and £16 million of National Lottery money involved, there have been crisis meetings with the initially sceptical National Heritage Minister responsible for film and tourism. Tom Clarke. The BFI's acting secretary, Jane Clarke, says all has been resolved, happily, and that "the Imax will be a big success". But shouldn't the BFI be more concerned with education, and digitalising its catalogue? I recently tried to view a 1960s television show in its archive, which proved impossible - the programme had not been converted into a

The BBC is letting

the children down



## Going digital could cause discs to slip

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Chris Ayres reports on radio's clash with records

nyone listening to Feedback, Christo-pher Dunkley's right-of-reply pro-gramme on Radio 4, would have noticed a refreshing difference. The usual middle aged, middle class voices complaining about falling standards on the BBC. interruptions to cricket matches, interruptions to other programmes by cricket matches, gave way to clear young voices. They were united in a single complaint that in March the BBC is dropping the only half an hour a week of children's programming on Radio 4 and replacing it with another episode of The Archers. There will be more complaints from young listeners this week, too, combined with moans from a couple of Archers fans that they do not want

another episode of The Archers. So far Feedback has had more than 100 letters on the issue from children and their parents - not quite the deluge of comment stimulated when the BBC tries to do something really dangerous, such as move Women's Hour, but not bad for a half-hour programme

once a week. On Wednesday, James Boyle, the Controller of Radio 4. was publicly criticised Voice of the

Viewer and Listener conference in London for killing off children's radio.

Of course, there is a very easy and pert BBC answer. The children have gone. They don't switch on to radio drama any more and you cannot round them up and force them to listen - at least not very easily.

No one can dispute the fact that the days of Uncle Mac and Toytown and listening together in front of the fire are over unless time and taste suddenly start moving backwards. Children are more likely to be playing with computers and electronic games, watching television or listening to commercial pop stations. To add the final nail, the BBC points out that 210,000 people listen to the children's drama slot and only 21,000 of them are children.

They seem powerful, even overwhelming, arguments - but they are totally unconvincing. For the very point of the modern BBC is to provide programming that could not otherwise survive in a commercially driven,

The BBC mandarins also justify their decision by pointing out that most listeners. to the last remaining radio drama are not children. Are they not there to serve all audiences, and if some of us who are no longer young want to indulge in a little

nostalgia on the car radio on Sunday night, is not that public service provision? The trouble is, public service means what the BBC says it means.

Despite the acknowledged difficulty of holding on to a new generation before it slips off to Top 40 radio, there is a suspicion that the BBC has not tried very hard with children's radio. An organisation that trumpets the bi-media slogan on every possible occasion — everyone is supposed to be able to work in television and radio - has shown little sign of devoting even a fraction of the skill and resources lavished on children's TV to radio.

The BBC would surely be wise to try to expand its radio output for children, if for no other reason than that it might be a good investment in radio listeners of the future. It should not be beyond the creative talent of the BBC to devise programmes for radio that could attract a respectable, if not overwhelming, number of children. It could be done at a fraction of the cost of making television dra-

> baying in cartoons It will surely be a shameful thing if the BBC, in many ways one of the world's

ma or even

most distinguished public service broadcasters, has to go to a summit on children's broadcasting being held in London in March and tell its international peers that is is about to kill off the last half-hour of children's drama on Radio 4.

t could turn out to be the first skirmish in a running battle between listeners and Mr Boyle, who will introduce a raft of changes to the Radio 4 schedule on April L Other programmes to go include Does He Take Sugar?, a long-running programme looking specifically at issues concerning the

We are assured such issues will be covered just as well in the general run of programming. We shall see. But you needn't be Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells, firing off letters to Feedback about the collapse of standards, to believe that small things of worth can vanish silently from the airwaves, leaving us all a little bit more impoverished.

There is one ray of light, however.: Many children are interested in listening to stories and plays on cassette. Radio 4 will continue commission dramatisations of classic children's literature, and although on air they will be heard mainly by adults, on tape

## Spice put through the mill

The British media's reaction to the group's dismissal of their manager was incredibly hostile. **David Sinclair** discovers why

he wave of hostile reporting that broke across all sections of the British media following the Spice Girls' dismissal of their manager, Simon Poller, on November 5 took the girls themselves by surprise.
"We thought the media would

support us. But people are just cynical, aren't they?" Melanie Chishoim (Sporty Spice) says, speaking on the phone from Paris

We don't want to hang out our dirty washing in public, but because we haven't talked to the press about it, it's been reported as if we've got too big for our boots, as if we've believed our own hype and we think we can do it on our own. That's rubbish. The simple fact is we couldn't have carried on in the situation we were in. And, sadly, we had to move on. It was quite a frightening decision, to be honest."

The media reaction has disappointed us a bit," Victoria Adams (Posh Spice) agrees. "The media is still a very male-dominated industry and a lot of men liked the fact that they thought a man was behind the Spice Girls. Now it's the five girls who are taking over. In fact, we've always been in control, but I think some people in the media find that quite hard to accept. It's sad."

But if the girls are saddened and surprised by the turn of events, the mood in the media and music industry at large is one of unconcealed glee at this apparent downswing in their fortunes.
"We have been controlled, ma-

nipulated and exploited by the Spice Girls in a very intense fashion in the last few months. People don't like that," declared the editor of Sky

"Well, they did when it was happening to them," says Gerrard ture," he says. Tyrrell, lawyer and right-hand man of the deposed Fuller, and there is no doubt that the Spice



Crushed Spice: Geri Halliwell arriving at a party in August. Now the media talks of "ailing" album sales

Girls have, until the last two weeks, enjoyed a more mutually beneficial relationship with the tabloid press than any other act in the history of pop.

Insiders credit Mr Tyrrell as being the man who, until now, has wielded the carrots and sticks that kept the media on board, and that it was his sudden departure from the scene that allowed the situation to fly so spectacularly out of control.

Mr Tyrrell, whose lips are even more firmly sealed than when he was representing the Spice Girls, is aghast at how inaccurate most of the reporting has been, with the broadsheets paying little more attention to detail than the tabloids. "Most of it is pure conjec-

Even by the dubious standards of pop music reporting, the "fall" of the Spice Girls is one of those episodes in

North West

which the facts have not been allowed to intrude on a good story. Their "ailing" new album, Spiceworld, is at number one in Britain for the second week, outselling its nearest rival by a ratio of two to one. In America, they now have two albums in the Top 20.

And if ever there was a case of the media generating and then reporting its own story, it was the Spanish show at which the Spice Girls were supposedly booed on stage. The delay caused by the scrum of photographers refusing to make way led to the booing from a small audience consisting entirely of invited media and industry freeloaders, not the group's fans, who accorded the girls their usual rapturous recep-

"What we saw last week was a bit of bloodletting," says Alan Edwards, hurriedly installed as the group's new

press officer. " It's not that the bubble has burst, there has just been a readjustment in their stock as media icons, which was bound to happen sooner or later."

Insiders at Virgin Records privately admit that the Spice Girls have been overzealously marketed - "they've been presented more as loose-cannon celebrities than a musical group" and that this has contributed to a cheapening of their image. And in the pop industry, where commercial instincts are supposed to come swathed in bolshie notions of street credibility and artistic integrity, the girls' cheerful willingness to endorse products from crisps to deodorant spray is viewed vith deep suspicion.

But love them or loathe them, there is little sign of interest in the Spice Girls

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## The slow death of **BBC** radio news

#### Libby Purves on an old news hand who has blasted the BBC

opies of the BBC staff nagazine. Ariel, have been picked up with unusual enthusiasm by visitors to its regarded as a talking poodle of management, once a year it becomes Ariel Impact, in which staff are free to speak their minds

Familiar enough issues are raised - the effect of the corporation's internal market on libraries, and the Birtian management style, complete with an interivew with the Director-General. But the most striking voice comes from a zone of the corporation where busy, stoical silence is

The veteran reporter Hugh Sykes, of PM and The World at One, has been in service for more than 20 years. He is a classic example of a "safe pair of hands" — not a specialist, not a star name, but the man the BBC can send anywhere. or summon hastily back to the studio to replace a missing presenter on any of the flagship news programmes. I had long lost touch, but had worked with him on the Today of the late 1970s. So there was something moving and eerie in finding him still in the department, writing devastatingly, and straight from the

heart, of a "sabotaged" service. BBC Radio current affairs. he says, is "the main source of broadcast news for seriousminded people", but has been stripped of resources and

many of its best people by the new continuous news net-works. "I wonder if our listeners realise quite what a struggle is going on behind the scenes, quite how undervalued by the BBC itself its cherished medium is? There are terrible tensions in our offices now. As reporters, we work almost entirely on our own ... people who rely on Radio 4 for sober news every day should know that we are all flying on a wing and a prayer.

He talks of reporters struggling unsupported, of material getting on to the air unheard and unchecked, of long tranches of The World at One and Today consisting of cracktelephone interviews, of features mixed hastily on headphones so that the sound levels are all over the place. He bemoans the fact that, at 47, he is often the oldest person on the shift.

"I am surrounded by intelligence, energy and goodwill but by very little experience. It is like a coalface where most of the pit props have been removed. It can be only a matter terrible mistake."

If radio current affairs were a car, he says, it wouldn't be a case of someone tampering with the brakes, more like letting the tyres wear down and hoping you never have to brake sharply in the rain. The essay is the more strik-

ing for the fact that it does not come from one of the usual suspects. This is no habitual



Before the tempest: now radio current affairs "have been stripped of resources and people

BBC whinger but one of its strong, loyal weathered pillars of silent endeavour. Only the temptation, and the brief amnesty, of the staff edition of Ariel made him speak before relapsing into hard-working silence. "It has been hard, writing this. I have always kept these thoughts within these walls," says Mr Sykes. "I have resisted newspaper requests to air my anxieties in

Many of his friends, he says, have gone for the "fool's gold" of the new services, and he wishes them luck. He stays put, grim and dogged, serving flagship news sequences on Radio 4. For 15 years and more he just got on with the job: travelling, hefting tape machines, cutting and writing against the clock, ploughing through government reports and conducting a thousand miles of intelligent, insistent but unaggressive taped interviews. Only over the past five rears has he relieved his feelings, by keeping a private file at home, marked "BBC

slowly dying".

He admits that at first he was embarrassed by the meio-drama of the title, but says: Now, it is not melodramatic. It is true, and very sad."

Probably his opinion will be dismissed. The views of quiet, long-serving, unshowy people generally are, once organisations begin to think of themselves as crucibles of exciting youthful change. But if such steady pit props as Hugh Sykes ever give up on their beloved corporation, then we will wake up one day to find ourselves far poorer.

## Petty squabble over a reporting triumph

silly vendetta is being pursued be-tween Paul Johnson in The Spectator and Alan Rusbridger, Editor of The Guardian. Johnson revived the quarrel again last week when he accused Rus-bridger of distorting headlines against Neil Hamilton, the Tory MP whose downfall was brought about by The Guardian.

Johnson reported that his wife, Marigold, wondered why he had to keep going on about that "nice" Mr Rusbridger. "The answer is that I care about The Guardian, which used to be a decent, honest and honourable — albeit exasperating — paper and has now become little more than a collection of gossip columns (and soft porn). a sort of daily Pyrannosaurus Rex version of Private Eye, which targets 'enemies', runs vendettas and engages in ruthless character

Study The Guardian and Johnson's angry accusations are seen to be nonsense. Yet the paper has been equally silly by responding in its diary with suide cracks

suggesting he is certifiable. Disdain is more powerful At stake are ssues too pro-

by any classic definition of what maker newspapers important and why they matter for starters as custodians of freedom and standards of probity in public life — The Guardian has had a good 1997. It is now recorded in The Guardian Year '97 (Fourth

Estate) and was celebrated on Wednesday in

the Dillons Lecture at City University. Over four years, two Editors, Rusbridger and Peter Preston, his predecessor, three main reporters - David Hencke, David Pallister and Owen Bowcott - with help from Roger Cook and World in Action, described how they brought about the downfall of four ministers (Tim Smith, Hamilton, Jonathan Aitken and - indirectly - David Willetts), saw four MPs called before the Commons Privileges Committee and prompted the establishment of the Nolan Commission on Standards in Public Life. The Guardian is not a rich newspaper. If it had lost, its bill would have been at least

Another reporter, Duncan Campbell, exposed corruption at Stoke Newington police station and ended a string of victories for the Police Federation which had won 95 successive actions for defamation against newspapers and magazines. The bill for this action would have been another £750,000.

They did not bring down a president by their story is as exciting as Watergate and if we were as self-regarding as the Americans, it would be celebrated as a triumph of British journalism instead of being subjected, as Rusbridger writes, to a surprising trickle of "toxic denigration".

As the three reporters described their work - the use of video cameras, bribes and intimidation, the role of friends and informers, their dogged detective work and the lucky flukes — it was as if we were listening

It was Bowcott who found the bills that proved that Lolicia Aitken had not, as her sband had claimed, been in Paris with him. The Guardian suspected she had in fact stayed at a Sqiss hotel - but had been refused permission to check the records by the proprietor. When Boycott arrived, it was second time lucky. The proprietor had gone, the hotel was bankrupt. But still he was refused permission to check the records. Only when he faxed the Swiss receivers'

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head office exwas at stake was he let in. Only the triad was due to start did he find the evi-

ed—a bill paid by American Express which proved Lolicia Aitken had been in Switzerland and not in Paris. He also needed confirmation that she had flown to Switzerland - but BA kept its records in London. Subpoenas to AmEx and BA subsequently proved payments of the botel bill, hire of a car and a weekend flight to Switzerland.

It has been a bruising year for Rusbridge requiring nerve, courage and commitment.
One change in the law that he now proposes is removing the burden of proof from the defendant to the plaintiff in defamation cases. He is also keen on the view that public figures should expect investigation and that newspapers be allowed to make "honest

Under British law, Hamilton and Aitken were forced to sue, he argued, but it had been an adversarial fight to the death — In which one party would end with their lives destroyed — rather than an attempt to establish the truth. That was neither pleasant nor necessary. There had been appeals for sympathy for Aitken and Hamilton, yet both had set out to destroy the reporters careers and had lied to protect

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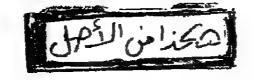
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Hong Kong whispers As the new Chinese governors introduce political changes, Raymond Snoddy reviews press freedom in the former colony

n May Jonathan Fenby. Editor of the South Chi-Kong's leading English-language daily, led the second section of his paper with a Washington Post article devoted to the smuggled prison letters of the Chinese pro-democracy dissident, Wei Jingsheng. A month later, to mark the June 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, the paper published another big section featuring the views of dissidents and an interview with campaigners in America who were battling for Wei's

But that was then. That was before Chris Patten, the last Governor, sailed away and Hong Kong became a selfgoverning region of China at midnight on June 30.

This week the South China Morning Post splashed with the story of Wei's release from jail in China and his flight to the US and exile. For good measure,

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there were also 34 pages devoted to the story plus a leading article. For Mr Fenby, a former Editor of

The Observer who has been in charge at the Post for 21/2 hasn't years, there was never a thought of changed' toning down such a despite the political

changes in Hong Kong. "The fact is, for the outside world, Wei and other dissidents represent a litmus test of the evolution of China," a Post leader argues. Apple, the pop-ular Chinese daily founded by the Hong Kong entrepreneur Jimmy Li, also devoted 312 pages to the story.
The coverage is the most

dramatic evidence so far that the press in Hong Kong — English-language as well as Chinese — does not appear to have been hobbled. "So far as I know," Mr Fenby adds with a note of caution. However, in the 4½ months since the change for Mr Fenby has been

a decline in spin-doctoring. While Mr Patten was Govemor, there were the attempts to influence some political stories that one might expect in an outpost of the British political system. Once, Mr

Fenby says, an official tried, unsuccessfully, to persuade him to change a front page because it might have embarrassed the Chinese leadership.

"One accepts that as part of the normal job people do, but there hasn't been any of that since July 1," says Mr Fenby, who thinks the difference in approach may be cultural or perhaps an English-language newspaper may be seen in a different light.

Mr Fenby has had breakfast and lunch with Tung Cheehwa, the Hong Kong Chief Executive, but insists that there has been no attempt by Mr Tung or any of his staff to influence what is written in the

There have been only two contacts involving the content of the paper since July 1. The first was a call from one of Mr Tung's officials to seek help in placing a late advertisement on shipping matters. The second was to say

how pleased they had been at the yacht race that they had sponsored," Mr Fenby says. The Editor of the

Post, a paper founded in 1903 with a daily circulation of 280,000. expresses irritation at the way most journalists have covered the issue of editorial

freedom. In the months before the handover. Mr Fenby esti-100 interviews to newspaper and broadcast journalists from all over the world. All wrote what Mr Fenby accepts was a legitimate story at the time — the fear story — that press freedoms might not survive the transition in Hong Kong, that something dramat-

ic was going to happen. "Hong Kong is going to go down the Swanee and for that to happen the media has to go down the Swanee and for that to happen the Post goes down perfect story there," he says. In fact. Mr Fenby says, the approach to the news hasn't he must be doing it so subtly

changed since I got here." alarmist forecasts has hap-pened, Mr Fenby says that only one journalist has come at Emily Lau, who lost

## South China Morning Post



Coverage of Chinese news has increased at the South China Morning Post since the handover

back to ask - Keith Graves, the former Middle East editor of the BBC who now works for Sky News.
"I keep saying to people, O.K.

show me in the paper where it has changed. One British correspondent said he was keeping a list but I'm still waiting," Mr

Other critics have told Mr clever to indulge in blatant bending of the news and that that it is difficult to detect. Mr Though none of the more Fenby has also been exasper-

their seats when the elected Legislative Assembly was abolished. Ms Lau, Mr Fenby recalls, said she thought she would now call the paper the New South China Morning Post, after the New China News Agency. In fact, Ms Lau is one of three Democratic Party politicians who are polit-

ical columnists on the paper. feeling a bit lonely it would have been nice if they (such Democratic politicians) had supported us," says Mr Fenby, who presides over a paper whose circulation is rising and which made profits of about

The paper has been redesigned and coverage of China and South Asia improved with three correspondents in China. and regional staff bureaux in Bangkok and Singapore. Mr Fenby intends to battle on and stay "as long as I can", at least as long as the only interference from Mr Tung's staff is to praise the coverage of yacht

## TV ads are a gain of two halves, my lord

erry Hill, chief execu-tive of TSMS, one of the three big sales houses that sells ITV airtime, can barely stand to hear the name of Lord Leverhulme, the soap powder magnate. He even jokes that if he goes to a marketing conference and has to listen one more time to the famous Leverhulme remark about advertising - "Only half of it works, the trouble is I don't know which half" - he will

do himself an injury. Commercial television. Hill believes, has long since proved that it really can move products off the shelf and not many people believe any more that only half of it

But increasingly in a world of multichannel television and direct-marketing initiatives, companies are asking for "proof" that their advertising pound is really well spent and seeking better evidence that advertising increases sales rather than just reinforces a brand.

Yesterday TSMS, Meridian Broadcasting - the ITV company for the South of England — and Taylor Nelson AGB unveiled to more than 200 advertising execu-tives in London the findings of a two-year. £750,000 study designed to demonstrate the direct link between particular television advertisements and increased sales.

Andrew Roberts, technical director of Taylor Nelson, says he has not come across research in Britain (or anywhere else) where the advertising effect, at least in the short term, has been so clearly demonstrated. The tvSpan project combined two forms of research: tele-

vision ratings and monitorchases within a unified whole. Attempts to combine such research statistically has been greeted with scenticism.

Taylor Nelson already has a Superpanel of 10,000 homes which each have their purchases entered electronithrough the reading of barcodes by hand-held scan-ning equipment. In March 1996, 750 Superpanel homes in the Meridian area were also equipped with television meters to record what channels and programmes the domestic set was tuned into.

The research covered eight fast-moving consumer goods categories and was based on of brands that advertised on television during the period. Allowances were made for special promotions and the fact that viewers who watched a lot of television might have a greater propensity to buy a particular product whether it was

uckily for ITV and Hill, the research shows that advertising does indeed lead to an immediate increase in sales. Advertising seen within a week of purchase produced a 5.1 per cent difference in purchases compared with those who had not seen the

being advertised or not.

Given that most of the brands in the analysis were established in mature markets. Roberts believes the difference to be significant. The effect was most marked after 14 days, when the difference in sales was 6.1 per cent -- but started to fall

More exposure to ads also seems to equal more sales. One exposure in the three days before purchase leads to a 4.5 per cent inrease in sales but more than two exposures leads to a 6.2 per cent rise. The tvSpan research also suggests that it is consumers who are least loyal to a particular brand who respond and increase their buying most.

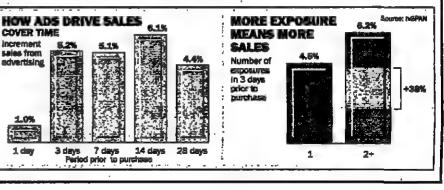
Perhaps more significantly, those who are loyal brand buyers also respond to advertising in the short term. albeit it to a lesser degree." says Roberts, who suggests the result provides some evidence that advertising can also reinforce the brand lovalty of a brand's existing

In yet another finding that will please the bosses, the extra sales from advertsing appear to be greater among viewers of peak-time pro-grammes in the evening — a time when ITV is particularly strong and advertising spots generally cost the

The researchers believe the explanation is likely to be that viewers are simply likely to be paying more concentrated attention to top-rated programmes, and that attention washes over to the

"We all had a theory [about how advertising works]. The point of the project has been to provide the facts to underpin the theory," says Hill, who believes that Lord Leverhulme would probably have been grateful for his efforts.

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## Auntie takes to the pitch

THE BBC reaffirmed its growing commitment to advertising this week, appointing Leagas Delaney to communicate its venture into digital broadcasting. The move, in the week that the soundtrack to the

corporation's Perfect Day promotion by the same agency is expected to top the charts, is remarkable on several levels. It demonstrates how serious the BBC

is about the digital launch despite the expected lack of short-term return on its But it is still more extraordinary in that the decision involved several BBC directorates coming together successful-

ly to issue a coherent brief and then

make a unanimous appointment. The digital pitch involved among others: Sue Fart, director of marketing and communications at BBC Broadcast, Jane Frost, head of corporate and brand marketing at BBC Corporate, and Richard Peel, head of marketing com-

munications at BBC Online. Their brief was that "advertising" has to tell licence-payers the BBC is making a major investment in taking digital seriously, and it must also target the appropriate new services at the correct potential audiences.

Not exactly the advertising equivalent of brain surgery. But the first bit is quite tricky. Right now, digital TV is like the Millennium Dome - we all know about this amazing new structure, but we haven't a clue what will fill it.

It's less what the ads might say thatwill stir up controversy, more the fact of their existence. Whenever the corporation spends money marketing itself, detractors ranging from commercial sector media owners to Conservative MPs crawl out of the woodwork. Criticism ranges from claims the BBC has an unfair commercial advantage to

"what a waste of public money".

The corporation is damned if it does advertise, and left behind if it doesn't. Its m al attitude to the black art has understandably - been a touch nervy. Only in the past couple of years have agencies been able to acknowledge freely that they have worked for the Beeb. WCRS was once threatened with the sack for describing its famous "Mel

and Griff film as an ad. Of course, the BBC doesn't actually spend much "real" money on advertising — most goes in the hypothetical value of promotions in its own highly prized airtime. In the past year (dis-



counting BBC Magazines), it spent just £208,000 advertising Radio 3 in other media, £350,000 on Radio 5, and £1.8 million on Radio 1's relaunch. Its equivalent commercial rivals, Classic FM, Talk Radio, Heart and Virgin spent between £500,000 and £1.7 million in the same period.

It is in television that the daunting scale of the competition becomes clear. This year the BBC's £775,000 spend is dwarfed by Sky's £18 million. Channel 5's £9 million launch, Channel 4's £6 million and even dear old Live TV's £5.7 million. ITV spent a mere £1.3 million, preferring to pummel its viewers with on-air trailers.

What's more, with John Hardie newly arrived from Procter & Gamble to sort out IIV, and David Brook leaving Channel 5 for Channel 4, the terrestrial



One 2 One's new star: Ian Wright

marketing. Fart, who once worked in adland, became the BBC's February this year. She will appoint someone to the other newly created post of controllor of TV marketing

soon. Meanwhile, she has consistently argued that the BBC is not running sional, noticeable work. Arguably, recent achievements in-clude the launch of Radio 5 Live and the

relaunch of Radio 1, shrugging off its Smashey and Nicey image to become a genuine brand standing for breaking new music and bands. And then of

course there's Perfect Day.

Despite this, many within the BBC will disdain spending money on advertising, arguing that the millions could be spent on programmes. They could. But to expect audiences to seek out the

BBC in the era of exploding media choice just as they did during the cosy duopoly with ITV is arrogant and amateurish. And, when you hear a commercial radio DJ announce that the BBC's ad is top of the charts this weekend, you will know that the corporation's days as a marketing amateur are over.

■ ALL OVER the back pages this week. Ian Wright, Arsenal's star striker, was busy agreeing with the suggestion by Glerm Hoddle, the England coach, that he should cut down on his off-field promotional activities. Pair enough. The World Cup finals follow this season, and Wright, although in good form, is not guaranteed a place in the squad for France. Meanwhile, his commitment to the likes of Nike is considerable. The boss is right. Focus on football.

A couple of days later comes news that Wright is the star of the latest One 2 One mobile phone ad. He'd most like to have a One 2 One with the late civil rights leader, Martin Luther King - the first time King has been used in a British

In the ad, Wright ponders King's motivation. Let's hope for the mercurial Wright's sake that Hoddle is not questioning his. But just who is spinning whom? (In last week's column, Channel 5's

launch was described as "pathetic". It should have read "bathetic". Apologies for the mistake.) Stefano Hatfield is Editor of Campaign.

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## Buying a home is a matter of class

Being close to a good school is still many parents' priority, says Katherine Bergen

his week's league ta-bles will have been read avidly by estate parents. According to the agents Knight Frank, good schools are of prime concern to 60 per cent of families moving

The demand, revealed by its survey earlier this year of country house offices around Britain, goes against the current trend for coeducational schools. The study showed that 58 per cent of families concerned about schools wanted single-sex education for their offspring while 42 percent looked for coeducational prep and senior schools.

Lady Margaret's School in Parsons Green in Fulham in southwest London, where it is rumoured the Blairs will send their daughter, is a good example of how certain schools can play a vital role in the popularity and price of houses, both in London and the country. Parents looking for houses through the Par-sons Green office of Savills often request homes as near as possible to the school.

Academic excellence is not the only criterion. The Knight Frank survey asked its London and regional offices which two prep and senior schools were the most sought after by potential buyers. Of 16 regional offices, only three mentioned the county's top

In London-only one in three

offices mentioned the bor-ough's top school. Knight Frank's Patrick Ramsey says: "Families choose schools for a variety of reasons - not only because they are the top of the academic league table."

The areas with the highest demand for single-sex schools. says Knight Frank, were Bea-constield, Esher and Tunbridge Wells, which all have a good selection of single-sex prep and senior schools. In counties as diverse as Surrey and Warwickshire, Knight Frank believes that proximity to schools has a direct impact on house prices.

Few families want a school run of more than 20 minutes, a factor that has increased even more in recent years as fewer families choose to send their children to boarding school.

James Rowntree, who is the sales director of Berkeley Homes in Surrey, says: "On registering with us, a large number of purchasers stipulate that they want to be within the catchment area of a certain

At Berkeley Homes' Court-field Place development in Cobham, Surrey, six of the 16 five-bedroom houses sold to Americans resident in Britain, who wanted to be a short drive - two miles or so - from the American Community School in Cobham.

The 1997 Savills Central London homebuyers report on the topic of schools says the sample showed that only a



Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar: the Kent town has sought-after single-sex schools

fifth of those surveyed considered proximity to schools to be essential, but a further 27 per cent thought that it was important or preferable. Most of those who felt mostly strongly about schools were drawn from the 25 to 44 age group and usually wanted to buy a house rather than a flat.

The report goes on to say that anecdotal evidence would suggest these figures should be much higher, but that only 45 per cent of those sampled actually had children living with them.

private sellers who take out advertising in local newspapers make the most of being near schools in their sales details. "We find that homeowners will always mention being close to the American School in St John's Wood if they take out an advertisement," says a spokesman from the advertising section of the Hampstead & Highgate Express, a newspaper serving

North London. Hugh Dunsmore-Hardy of the National Association of Estate Agents says that under the Property Misdescriptions Act, agents can-not make bold promises about parents getting children into certain schools.

He adds: "Estate agents can be prosecuted for misrepresenting local amenities or facilities, so they tend just to about schools in the area."

## For a good school is distance no object?

and other big cities rravel for up to three hours a day to attend the major day schools that dominate the league tables.

Yet many educationists believe that though the nearest school is not necessarily the best, travelling long distances is not only a waste of time but makes the student less able to do the extensive home assignments and take part in the varied extracurricular activities that are the hallmark of high-achieving day schools. And the further children live from their school, the less likely they are to be able to develop the friendships which are so much part of

school life. Alleyn's, along with the other independent schools in the Dulwich area of South London, runs a shared coach service from Putney in the west to Bromley in the east. Other children travel further by train. The parent running the coach service is Brian Mortby. "It picks up the first lot at 7.15am to get to school before 8.30 and drops them back around 5pm," he says. "it's a bit much for an ilyear-old, but the bus itself is a social experience.

The real problem is the after-school activities, of which schools such as Alleyn's have many, I have had a boy and a girl at the school, and I have had to limit them to two evenings a week. Otherwise, by the time they get home there is a problem with homework. There are a few late coaches, but parents usually get together and do a car run. There were nearer selective schools, but I liked the atmosphere and attitude at Alleyn's and the fact that it is mixed. I thought it worth the extra travelling effort."

As it happens, Mr Mortby has recently relocated to Bromley, a few minutes from his home. "I have come to realise the terrible waste of

Hugh Thompson by the parents: they realise that choosing a school such

on pupils who have far to go -

starting with an

hour on the bus time so many of us spend in travelling to and from work, but that has not changed my mind about my children travelling so far to school." Most major schools do not have a policy of rejecting

pupils who live too far away, preferring, as one put it, "natural selection to take its course". For some, that means the parents select and the children naturally suffer. In West Yorkshire, Geof-

frey Lee-Gallon, head of Bradford Grammar School's junior department, says: Some of our pupils come from as much as 25 miles away, but most are within a 20-mile radius, which we cover with our own coaches. To accommodate relatively long travelling times, we do all our extracurricular activities during an extended lunchtime and finish at 4.15. Where there are events such as sports matches after the school buses have gone, the parents make the commitment to pick up their child-

ren. We are well supported

as BGS requires a commitment from them."

The average travelling

time to Manchester Gram-

mar School is more than an hour: many travel two hours each way from as far away as Blackpool and Sheffield But Martin Stephens, the High Master, says: "The boys are far more resilient than many parents realise and enjoy the freedom of travelling and the social life." However, Abingdon School, south of Oxford, excludes anyone living 23 miles from the school or a travelling time of more than 40 minutes. Felicity Rutland, the registrar, says: "We are oversubscribed and do have a boarding side for those who live too far away. The majority of our day boys come on our buses, all of which leave an hour and half

part in our many activities. "It is a long day and we expect our students to put a lot in. Experience has taught us that those who travel too far are affected both in how much they can do and how much they enjoy it. Long travelling times have been shown to affect academic performance and the ability to benefit from what the school has to offer."

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allow the students to take



How far to school? Journeys can affect pupil performance

## What is the 'right' school?

Top establishments are not always

suitable, says Hugh Thompson

that does not mean that the schools that produce the best academic results are necessarily the right schools for

their children. The highest-achieving schools are competitive, usually large and rely heavily on the self-discipline and survival instincts of the pupils. But there is a large minority of children who need more intimate, less

pressured, surroundings, How can a parent know whether their child should be pushed or would in fact do better at a smaller, slower-

track school? There are plenty of examples of children who fail miserably at larger schools but move on to straight A grades elsewhere.

the head of School Advisory Services with Gabbitas. "Parents know their children well, and they should be going

round a school not just on open days but at school concerts and less organised occasions to get a feel for the school's real attitude. Is it formal or relaxed, caring or disciplined?"

Mr Jennings adds: There is a problem with coaching children in order to pass exams into schools where they will always struggle. It is vital to talk seriously to the head or form teachers at their junior schools. They should be aware of real prospects and where they can be optimised. Parents think too much of what they want to see at the end, rather than what is the right environ-

ment for their child". A major factor is the size of school. The laws of economics, as well as supply and demand, force the best schools to grow larger and larger. But smaller schools have more of a family atmosphere and need almost

everyone to contribute. Lady Margarets School in Fulham, southwest London, is

Il parents want the best a comprehensive with results for their children. But to shame many selective private schools. Colin Busby, the assistant head, says: With fewer than 500 in the eightyear school, we have an intimate, flexible environment.

For instance, in the sixth form there are girls who are pushing themselves too hard, so we say go away and sleep for two weeks'. If we said that to others we know they would never wake up. Our expectations are that everyone will do their homework and do well but we also realise that every girl is an individual. It isn't a

case of sink or swim. We care." Peter Milner, the ME BELIEVE IN A MIXIVEE OF BOTH FUN AND DISCLIPINE - --Headmaster at Quentin Hall prep school in Harrow, says: "By the time our boys leave we know them and their parents very well. We know that for some the most academic schools are too ambitious, that sporty schools

are not for them and that they would do better in a smaller cosier atmosphere. I want the boy to be as happy and content at 18 as he is at 13 when he leaves us. Being bottom of the class for four years can really hurt someone's confidence and seriously damage their eventual

While most parents have some knowledge of a few local schools, a good head teacher knows many more. Stuart Thackrah of Holmwood House in Colchester reckons that in any given year for his. 40 leavers there are as many as 30 schools he would be advising as best choice for the

individual involved. "I believe that all should go to the best academic school of which they are capable." he says. But then for some it's important that they go to a smaller school because they are not so aggressive. There are almost endless combinations and permutations but there is always the right

## Dealing with dyslexia

Anne Lee explains how to find a

place for the child with difficulties

iscovering your child is dyslexic can be devastating. It can also be a relief to find that there is an identifiable and, to an extent, treatable condition. Despite the successful case for negligence against Hil-lingdon Education Authority in West London, it is still common for children to reach senior school incorrectly clas-

sified as lazy, unco-operative and unco-ordinated. It is easy enough for an educational psychologist to diagnose traditional dyslexia, but dyspraxia, dysphasia and other learning difficulties are also becoming clearer. And

there are not enough educational psychologists. Once the problem has been diagnosed, many parents will look for a specialist school. If children are unhappy in the mainstream, they are likely to need special support and teaching until they have learnt the strategies that are going to help them to cope. Schools that specialise in

dyslexia will know how exbausted children can become because the work is so much harder for them. Specialist schools will arrange the academic lessons in the mornings and will have ways to make those extra exposures to spelling fun - and different. They will automatically promote touch-typing, and the best will include many confidence-building exercises to try to re-store some badly damaged

neif-esteem. It is no mistake that these schools at both junior and secondary level are full. Moon Hall, on the North Downs in Surrey, was one of the first specialist prep schools for dyslexic children with a high IQ. Such schools aim to put the children back into the mainstream when they are

Small groups, a highly trained staff and close partnerships with parents do not come cheap. However, if you can afford only one or two years in this type of environment, at an early stage it is probably the best investment you can make for your child. At a senior level, there are plenty of specialist schools that are popular, and though they do not appear at the top of the league tables, parents know they are achieving miracles. Shiplake College at Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire and Bredon School. near Tewkesbury, Glou-cestershire, are well known for innovative combinations of practical and academic

Though many parents fight shy of GNVQs, for some pupils the practical, coursework nature of the syllabus is just what they need. A GNVQ combined with an A level or two can still lead to many gher-education courses.

If your child is only moderately dyslexic, and capable of operating in the mainstream. what do you need to look for?

irst, ask the head teacher how often inset train-ing on dyslexia is arranged. All schools should be offering this to all staff. Secondly, ask whether or not all children are screened for dyslexic-type problems. Be wary of staff who say: "We know our pupils; we do not need to screen them through

A good school will make sure that every member of staff who teaches a dyslexic pupil is aware of the nature of their problem. A proper specialist member of staff will be able to brief staff as difficulties arise. Many pupils can operate well with just one or two extra lessons a week, but those lessons are vital, for their self-confidence and skill.

with dysiexia will have different marking policies for these students and will make sure that extra time is available in both internal and external examinations. They will also be familiar with the procedures for arranging extra time for GCSE and A-level

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## West Indies wear defeated look after humiliation

TO GET some idea of the abject cricket West Indies played in this first Test, one has only to consider the facts: they lost by an innings and 19 runs in 312 days after winning the toss. The performance was every bit as feeble as it sounds. This is a side short of talent. shorn of spirit and lacking

hope. By all means, praise Pakistan. It was their biggest victory against West Indies and another win in Rawalnindi next week would see them match the achievement of Mahmood's side in 1958-59. That remains the only Pakistan team to have beaten these opponents in a Test

They won without Waqar Younis and Saglain Mushtag. who were rested, dropped or whatever you want to call it, as well as Salim Malik, whom the players still regard as their best batsman. In fact, it is possible to pick an alternative XI that would have given West Indies a good game from the players who were not selected.

Inzamam-ul-Haq. who batted on one leg for his unbeaten 92, was joined at different times by two other casualties, Shahid Nazir, the opening bowler, and Moin Khan, the wicketkeeper, who handed his gloves on the last day to

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Mohammed Wasim. Throw in the fact that Arshad Khan, who was preferred to Saqlain as the off spinner, bowled only ten overs and it was not so much a victory as a rout.

The men who did the routing, predictably, were Mustaq Ahmed and Wasim Akram. who shared 15 wickets. Wasim took four of them in the second innings, all leg-before, and Mustaq captured his second bag of five to record match

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way to do it."

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brilliance, leg-before to the

perfect inswinger. The middle order folded and the tail

acquiesced. It is becoming a

familiar story and there does

not appear to be anything they

can do about it.

David Lloyd was yesterday given a contract to stay as England coach to the World Cup in 1999. Tim Lamb, the England and Wales Cricket Board chief executive, said: David has brought real vitality to the role and the team have responded positively to his methods. The extension of his contract is well merited."

figures of ten for 106. It is the third time that he has taken ten wickets in a Test, and, the way the batsmen played him here, he could easily add another 20 in the two remaining matches.

what might have happened? Fine spinner that he is, he Hooper, though, is not a did not bowl especially well. horse to back at the best of He did not have to. The times. He drove six lordly batsmen were utterly foxed by runs off Mustag and then, in the next over, apooned a catch to Saglain, the substitute field-

PESHAWAR SCOREBOARD er, at short extra cover. Hooper is too old a dog to FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-56, 3-102, 4-145, 5-147, 6-163, 7-167, 8-195, 9-201. mend his ways and a Test average of 33 suggests that he is lucky to remain in this side. 80WLING Wasim Akrem 23 2-5-65-4; Shahid Nazir 7.5-1-27-0; Azher Mehmood 10 1-3-17-1; Mushteq Ahmed 23-5-71-5, Arshad Khan 6-2-What a wastrel he is. Campbell, after nearly four hours of honest toil, was the

> PAKISTAN: First Innings 381 (Inzamam-ul-Hag 92, Saeed Arwar 85, Ilaz Ahmed 85, Moln Khan 58; Umpires: D.R. Shapherd (England) and Said Shah (Pakislan).



Wasim clenches a fist in trlumph after dismissing Bishop to secure victory for Pakistan

#### Australia catch rivals unawares

AN OUTSTANDING display of catching gave Austra-lia the edge as they dismissed New Zealand for a modest 217 in Perth yesterday on the opening day of the second Test match. At the close Australia were 32 for the loss of Mark Taylor, the captain. Taylor, who took two sharp

chances, batted under floodlights for the last session because of poor light. Mark Waugh flung himself to his right at short mid-wicket to take the catch of the day to dismiss Chris Cairns as Australia held everything that came their way.

New Zealand.

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India fought back on the second day of the first Test at Mohali. Sri Lanka, resuming their first inmings at 280 for four, were all out for 369. India reached 90 without loss.

TENNIS

## Fernandez fall ' turns form upside down

IN A city where people like things done fast, the paying ounters at Madison Square Garden faced something of a culture shock on Wednesday night. In an interminably long evening of tennis, two seeds, Lindsay Davenport and Monica Seles, contrived to lose matches they had firmly in their grasp, falling to Mary Joe Fernandez and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario respectively.

It had all started so well for Davenport. Coming into the Chase Championships ranked No 2 in the world and with an impressive indoor season behind her - Davenport won in Zurich and Chicago - everyone was talking about the No 3 seed as the United States' best hope in years. Unfortunately, no one took into account the Fernandez effect.

Fernandez can do strange things to opponents. A waif like figure with a look of permament exhaustion, she is deceptively tough and never eems to know when she is beaten. Her 12-year career is littered with remarkable comebacks, the most memorable being at the French Open in 1993, when she outlasted Gabriela Sabatini from 6-1, 5-1 down. Sabatini was never the same again.

The encounter on Wednesday also had a hidden agenda. This time last year, Fernandez was talking of retirement. Harold Solomon, her coach, had started touting around for new business so Davenport, her best friend and doubles partner, did likewise, tearning up with Jana Novotna for the coming season. But Davenport did not tell Fernandez, who learnt of Davenport's defection through the press. For months it was handbags at dawn between them before they managed a reconcilia-

tion. That could have been Davenport's big mistake. Davenport is an exception ally nice person. Her 6st 2in, 125 st frame can leather win-

ners from all over the court,

but she would not hurt a fly. She thundered through the first set, broke Fernandez at the start of the second and seemed to be in control. But then, just as Davenport was going 2-0 up, Fernandez appeared to trip over the service line and took a nosedive across the court. Somewhat embarrassed to have made a fool of herself, she admitted that the incident woke her up to the severity of the situation. From there, Fernandez dug in as only she can, and, after 2hr 19min, having saved three match points and on the lifth

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one of her own, she booked her place in the quarter-finals with a 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 win. Davenport was left to rue her missed Sánchez Vicario is all heart. When she is on top of her game she, too, never knows when she is beaten. Playing a bouncier, busier version of Fernandez's counter-punching game, she will run until she

drops to retrieve any ball. But

on Wednesday night she semed to be out for the count

as Seles marched to a 6-3, 4-Some of the rallies were like the Seles of old, hitting the ball so low and so hard into spaces Vicario's fast little legs could reach. But from such a position of authority she suddenly hit a couple of loose shots: Sánchez Vicario spotted a hint of weakness and began to

Running around the base line like a whippet, she ended up in the courtside seating as she chased and scrambled to get the ball back. As Sánchez Vicario greeted winners with clenched fists and a roar of victory, Seles's game fell apart and the No 5 seed was gone 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. And in a tournsment of petty, off-court rivalries, Sánchez Vicario next plays her former doubles partner but now sworn enemy, Jana Novotna, in the quarter

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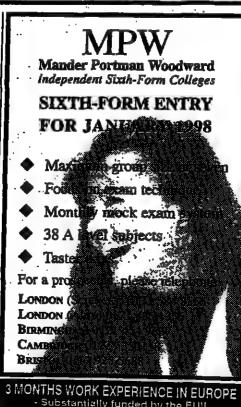
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RACING: TALENTED BECKHAMPTON QUARTET PREPARES FOR HURDLING CAMPAIGN

## Charlton trains for winter game

RACING CORRESPONDENT

ROGER CHARLTON, the Derby-winning trainer based at Beckhampton, will break new ground before Christmas. by sending out his first hurdies runner. Look out Martin Pipe," he said in jest yesterday before outlining how four decent Flat horses in his care have started to be schooled in preparation for an attempt at the jumping game.

The quartet, high class by National Hunt standards, consists of Source Of Light and Pentad, the March Stakes winner - both of whom are owned by Khaled Abdulla along with Baron Ferdinand and Myrtle Quest.

"I don't think hurdlers have been trained at Beckhampton since the days of the great Sam

#### RICHARD EVANS (2.20 Aintree)

Despite looking backward on his British debut at Haydock 16 days ago, Barnageera Boy Jumped and performed with credit when rugne

Yesterday, mapping Estables (6-1) at Wincanton and coupling it with Warwick winner, Run With Dante (8-4), for a 1814-1 double.

Darling. Jeremy Tree and Noel Murless certainly didn't train them and I don't think Fred Darling did either."

In a sense, Charlton is returning to his racing roots. having been closely involved with National Hunt racing in his youth before becoming assistant to Tree at the historic Beckhampton yard. Apart from working alongside Brough Scott and Colin Davies in the days of Persian War, he rode Pride Of Kentucky to victory in the Kim Muir Memorial Challenge Cup at the Cheltenham Festi-

val in 1969. However, Charlton has no intentions of becoming a dualpurpose trainer with a substantial string of jumpers. If there is a suitable horse, he will be aimed at a decent



Frontier Flight, ridden by Ollie Pears, jumps the last on his way to victory in the opener at Warwick yesterday

hurdle race in the same way Michael Stoute, Julie Cecil and James Fanshawe showed their skills with Kribensis, Alderbrook and Royal Gait respectively. "I am not suddenly launching off into jump-

ing in a big way."
Explaining how the hurdling idea came about, Charlton said: "Baron Ferdinand had been on the easy list for two years and we managed to get him back on the racecourse at the last Newmarket meeting, having had tendon problems. I thought the horse was now fit and the leg seems fine, so if he took to hurdling why not let him run a couple of

"Grant Pritchard-Gordon,

Khaled Abdulla's racing manager mentioned the possibility of Pentad, who stays in training anyway and loves soft ground. His form is progres sive and he's rated 110. If he

really took to it and we thought we could win a decent hurdle race with him, then we would: if not we won't persevere. We are not going to run him round Ludlow and Hereford to see him beaten. "I have always been rather fond of Myrtle Quest and if he's capable of winning a

> great," Charlton added. The quartet has been schooled over small obstacles at Beckhampton and in Jim

hurdle race that would be

Old's indoor school. However,

the pace will increase after this weekend when Chariton hammers three flights of full-size hurdles into the gallops at

Beckhampton. No doubt Charlton will now begin to share the interest in the going at jumping venues, which has been uppermost in the minds of National Hunt trainers recently.

After criticism of the state of the ground at Newbury's latest meeting, officials at the Berkshire course yesterday invited trainers and owners to come and inspect the ground to the turi. Dai Williams, preparing Hermes Harvest for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup tomorrow week, was the only trainer who bothered to turn up.

Newbury has clearly been stung by the criticism, and rightly so. Despite applying seven inches of water to the chase course since July, the ground on the take-off and landing areas either side of fences was on the hard side of firm in late September.

Having taken advice from a turf consultant, these areas have been vertidrained to deal with the compressed ground. More important, 14 inches of rain has fallen inside the past week and the ground is now good to soft - which should ensure a decent line-up for Newbury's most important chase of the season.

## Pridwell can continue to put best foot forward

2.40: Mr Percy's fine win at Cheltenham last weekend may have flattered Pridwell, who beat him at Wincanton when the Josh Gifford runner looked in need of his reappearance. That was a second success in two valuable but uncompetitive races for Pridwell, capable enough to finish third in the Champion Hurdle, but also capable of waywardness. He must duly be treated with caution. but is at least on top of his eame - which cannot be said with any certainty of his

Birnsey beat the Martin Pipe runner at Aintree in the spring, but is expected to need his first run since moving to Charlie Mann's stable. Ocean Hawk, a game front-runner and, ordinarily, the sort to go well fresh, comes from a yard enduring a quiet

Moscow Express, by con-trast, representing the in-form David Nicholson stable and, impressive on his British debut at Towcester, failed on this easier ground at Chepstow last time.

## ON TELEVISION

3.10: Storm Alert, seeking his sixth course and distance success, was a creditable third behind Indian Jockey on his comeback, and is now 6lb better off for eight lengths with the runner-up, Leotard. But the years might just be catching up with him - he was never able to land a blow in that strongly-run race whereas the selection is lightly raced of late, and could yet reach new heights for his latest trainer. Venetia

Arctic Kinsman looks the pick of the weights and should go well fresh, having broken blood vessels in the past. But his stable is in patchy form, and he has also had problems with his jumping. Thumbs Up and

Williams.

interest, leaving Scottish Bambi as a possible danger. Paul Webber's nine-year-old has been running modestly over hurdles, but is a better chaser — as he showed when winning impressively on his reappearance.

3.40: Princeful, an excellent second to Shadow Leader on unsuitably fast ground at the Cheltenham Festival, seems justly handicapped and will appreciate conditions underfoot. He is just the type to improve in handicaps this season, but may ideally need a stiffer test of stamina. Chasing will be his game in time. Mister Rm's reappearance contributed to evidence that his stable is not in peak

As the progressive Yet Again favours faster ground. this is best left to the tactical sense of Tony McCoy on Ela Agapi Mou. Almost certainflattered by his comeback behind Sanmartino at Newbury, he could nonetheless be an improved performer this term and is well suited by easy ground.

CHRIS MCGRATH

#### AINTREE

THUNDERER 1.10 Mike Stan. 1.45 Whip Hand. 2.20 Highbeath. 2.50 Silly Money. 3.20 Edelwels Du Moulin, 3.50 Justin Mac.

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.50 SILLY MONEY.

#### 1.10 LIVERPOOL MOAT HOUSE CONDITIONALS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

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1.45 WALTON HURDLE (£7,265 3m 110yd) (3)

3 20-2 WHEP HAND 10 (D.C.S) J RicGenid 6-10-12 - P Carberry 143 I-9 tittip Hand, 5-2 Red Rept, 10-1 Percy Braitwoods

#### 2.20 JOHN PARRETT MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

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## 2.50 CEDRIC CROSTON HANDICAP HURDLE

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5-2 Justin Mec, 7-2 Be Lucky Colin, 4-1 Shander A Azim, 5-1 Bay Fuzilles, 10-1 Supreme Space, 12-1 Jambo Brane, 14-1 others

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#### Huntingdon clash

MARTHA'S SON could face a possible clash with One Man and Viking Flagship when he makes his seasonal reappearance in next Tuesday's grade two Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon. The £30.000 event has long been the aim for Martha's Son, but his trainer, Tim Forster, must wait until tomorrow to find the identity of the opposition after the race was reopened at yesterday's five-day declaration stage. One Man and Viking Flagship are already winners this term.

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## GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

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2.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND ASCOT HURDLE (Grade II: £15,475: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

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BMSEY may prove too strong for Ocean Heark

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1980; STORM ALEKT 10-11-12 A Migule (8-5 lm) D Nicholson 4 nm

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603 100-11P DAMEGOLD 18 (Y.D.F.G) (Crowler Destinators Lin) M Chaman 5-11-8 ... D Syme 128
604 5111-5 E.A. ARPH MOU! 10 (\*\* S.S.) (Action 10 5 L) Moure 4-11-5 ... A.P McCop 130
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Bia Agrapi Mond SAI Sci of 4 in Sammartina in hundle at Newbury (2m. 110pd, good); previously 28 7th of 9 in Above The Cut in handleap hundle at Toroccustor (2m. good). Yet Again heat formines: their in 7-runner handleap hundle at Kempton (2m. good), previously 4M 3rd at 4 in Albernice in handlesp hundle at Kempton (2m. good).

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#### Dobbin injures shoulder

TONY DOBBIN was taken to North Tees General Hospital. Stockton, with shoulder injuries after falling from Eden Dancer at Sedgefield yesterday. The jockey was taken for X-rays to determine whether the injury was a dislocation or a fracture. Richard Hale, Dobbin's agent, said: "Tony thinks the shoulder is probably dislocated." Dobbin joins Jamie Osborne, Jim Culloty, Adie Smith, Lorcan Wyer, Ross Studholme and Darren O'Sullevan on the injury list, the last-named suffering a suspected dislocated left shoulder at Wincanton yesterday.



## Panther pounces twice in one day

DAVID EVANS could take the unusual step of

him take his chance in both. Evans admitted that he had expected the then we will see how he is."

gelding to be eliminated from the Dudley rinning a horse twice on the same card today. His seven-year-old Panther is engaged in the 1.55 race and the 3.00 race on the all-weather at Wolverhampton and the trainer is keen to let run in both. He will run in the claimer and

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wincanton

1.20 (2m 6) Indie) 1, Eisthien IG Brackey, 6-1. Richard Evens's napt, 2. Retenve Chence (4-1), 3. Hormse De Fer (3-1 tax), 13 ran NF: Lie's Work 61, 111 M Brackstock, Tole; 57.20, 52.30, 51.70, 52.00. DF: 527.90 Tray 520.50, CSF 529.43 1.90 (2m dh) 1, Mine Em (T.J Murphy, Evens Lav); 2, Carrillas Legacy (10-1); 3, Nonges Metody (33-1) 5 san. 1 kt. dat, P. Nicholic Totas: £1 80, £1.10, £2.20 DF: £5.20 GSF. 59.00

2.30 (2m indie) 1, Cool Gunner (AP McCay, 6-4 law: Thunderer's rapp. 2, Seatle Alley (9-4), 3, Pitzefighter (16-1), 4 mn. 6l. 6l. J. Ning Tote 52 ao DF 53 30, CSF 54 90. 2.50 (3m 11 110)d ch 1, Suriley Bay (T J Murphy, 10-1); 2, Andre Laxd (7-2); 3, Beer Clav (3-1 lav) 7 can NR, Dengor Baby, 14, 28 J P Nichols, Tole 57 65; 52 40, 52 50 DF: £12.80 CSF: £37.28 Tricast, £106.31. 3.20 (2m 5f ch) 1. Philadelic IA Thomson. 15-8 (zv), 2. Nasone (9-4), 3, Mr Strong Gale (11-1), 9 ran Nt. 31 A Anna Tote 22-90; E1 10, 52:00, 51:90 DF 150 Tot 126:90 CSF D6:55 Treast 532:69 3.50 (2m mde) 1, Distant Storm (8 Powel, 13-8 lav; Timelesper's top rating), 2 Person Butterly (4-1), 3, Saati (8-1) 9 cm. Id. 151 B Liewelyn Tote 12 10; 21 10, 21 30, 22-70 OF 54 80 Two 113 80 CSF 57.98, Trickel' 135.03

Placecot: £32.50 Quadrot: £18.90. Sedgefield

Going: good 1.10 (2m 11 hdio) 1, Craigery (J Supple, 15-8 lay), 2, Nancos (7-2), 3, Baher (7-11 S ran 11t, 91 Mrs, A Swinbank, Tote 52-60, 51 70, 51 80 DF: 63 30 CSF: 57 94 1.70. L do Ver 25 of Carlot Ver 1.40 (2m 110) of ch 1. Xalpete (R Guest, 3-1 tan). 2. The Bird O'Dornell (10-1). 3. Cardiston (4-1). 7 ran NR. Val De Rema. NO, 71. N Mason Tote 22 70 52 00, 52 20 DF £11-40. CSF. £25 22. Treast: 597.90. 2.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Dawn Mission (R Garut), 4-1 (-kar); 2, Liebuoy (11-2); 3, Darbys Gorse (11-2), Intune 4-1 (-ks) 10 ran 16l, 1d T Easterby Tore: \$4.20; \$1.10, \$1.40, \$1.40, DF. \$22.60, Troc: \$25.40 CSF \$25.40.

225 40.
2.40 (3m 3f cn) 1, D'Arblay Street (Mr S Durack, 5-2); 2, Wedimp (10-1); 3 Cumberland Blues (10-1); Etemal City 7-4 fav. 8 ran. 28, 3%; W. Nerrp., Toler 52 70; £1 70, £2 20; £4 00; DF £14 90; CSF £22 77 Tricast £181 64 Immast S181 64 3.10 (3m 3f 110ycl hufe) 1, Golenn (P Niven, 9-d) 2, Stasher Jack (2-1 km). 3, Insh Watcard (8-1) 11 can NF: Badger Hill det Mirs M Revelley Tote 5290, 51.70, 51 10, 52.40 OF: 55.60 Ther \$15.50 CSF-85.56

2.00 (2m 11 hdio) 1, Bures (E Calargner, 6-1); 2, Pentland Squas (4-1); 3, Stylish Internel (5-1) Pussuan Pascal 9-4 fav, 8 ran 161, 94, Mrs J Brown Totar 12190, 51 20, 51 40, 52 60, DF- 51120 CSF 527 63 Talcast 5116 75. Placepot: £52.20 Quadpot: £13.70

Warwick Going: good to solt (good in places) 2.55 (2m 3° tatle) 1, Frontier Flight (0 Pasts, 9-1); 2, Edward Seymour (9-2 lav), 3, Royal Hand (12-1) 15 ran 171, 134 Wes L Selded Tose Et 30, 54 50, Et 80, 54 00 DF- 530.10 Trio 572 70 CSF 644 02 Tricast 5465 13 No tod

1.30 (2m chr 1. Sublime Fellow (M A Fitzgerald, 3-1); 2. Coolleen Hero (3-1); 3. Grean Green Disset (8-1) tad 3 ran 9. dest. N Henderson Tote: \$3.20 DF: \$2.80 CSF 68.95.

2.00 (2m 3f hdie) 1 Plum For Danie (A Magune, 8-4 km), 2, Handy Lass (7-1), 3, Special Beat (7-2), 5 ran 41 131, G Hubbard Tole, 22 50, £130, £190 DF-95,10 CSF 29,38 2.39 (2m 41 1/0)d (ch) 1, Herborse (kir I. Johnd, 29-1); 2, Morrasos (12-1); 3, Milestand (3-1); tav) Rossal kiland 3-1 p-lar, 12 min. NR kyrocksmard 11, 101 Mos A Hossand-Chappel Tote: (23.00, (23.00, 23.00, 21.70, DF-

100 (3m 2) cq 1. God Speed You J.J. R. Kasmagh, 6-1; 2. Little Martina (3-1); 3. Hatcham Boy (6-4 fav) 4 ran 194, 61 C. Mortock. Tote 55-50. DF: 26-10 CSF can me. 220 02m hdiej 1, Ginger Fox (R Fernard, 45 tav); 2, Hightech Touch (33-1); 3, Outle Larely (10-1), 30 ran, NR Bold Busser, Ex-Yey-Mou. 23-4, on hd. Mars J Pionara Total-51,80, 21 10, 212-90, 1290, 07-558-00 Toor 1268-50

Jackpot: 043,718.10 (0.60 winning stak-les. Pool of 134,639.34 carded toyogy) to Placapot: £832.70 Quadpot: £50.70.

RUGBY UNION

## All Blacks bask in Old Trafford's aura of greatness

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEW ZEALAND'S rugby players walked the wet and windy confines of Old Trafford yesterday, not merely as part of a familiarisation exercise before their meeting with England there tomorrow but as a team that aspires to the global heights achieved by the ground's regular tenants, Manchester United.

Success with style is the key to the great international sporting brands," John Hart, the All Blacks coach, said. It is what he seeks for his players, that they should be recognised not just in the world of rugby but across the whole spectrum of sport. He sees Manchester United as one of the few teams that transcend their sport.

New Zealand's consistency gives them the necessary longevity to fuel Hart's vision that also requires the sport to have a far more genuine international status that it enjoys at the moment, regardless of claims that it is played in more than 100 countries. Hence Hart's championing of a global competition in which the best of the northern hemi-

and below, on a far more regular basis. In New Zealand, Manchester United is the side we all relate to and admire," Hart said. "Even to change in their dressing-room and play on their ground is one of the special moments." The fact that his captain for the day, Justin Marshall, professes admiration for Wimbledon does

nothing to dampen Hart's

enthusiasm and he welcomed

the opportunity yesterday to

meet Alex Ferguson, the Man-

chester United manager. "It's an awesome stadium," Christian Cullen, the All Blacks full back, said. "Soccer might not be that big in New Zealand but everyone has heard of Manchester United and all the guys are expecting a special thrill from running

out at Old Trafford," His colleagues will include Josh Kronfeld, who has recovered from a rib injury and is preferred in the starting lineup at open-side flanker to Andrew Blowers.

England, too, paid a visit to Old Trafford, though their aspirations are more modest. Lacking both the success and

## Richmond unmoved by exiles' request

THE commercial realities of professional rugby were thrown into sharp focus yesterday when London Scottish agreed to forsake home advantage and switch their Tetley's Bitter Cup fourth-round tie against Bath on January 3 to the Recreation Ground. The former cupholders have guaranteed the exiles an undisclosed sum in

The decision was taken reluctantly after a fall-out between the exiles and Richmond, who share the Athletic Ground. Both clubs were originally drawn at home, but as Richmond's tie with Donhad priority over dates under gentleman's agreement

Despite repeated requests from the exiles, Richmond have refused to play their tie on Sunday, January 4. rather than the previous day, claiming that it would disrupt their training schedule.

The exiles believe that it would be financially reckless to stage their tie on the Sunday, so soon after the Christmas and the new year, when their crowds are notoriously low. Richard Yerbury, the club's chief executive, said: "This is not something we wanted to do but something we have had to do. The members are upset and unimpressed with Richmond."

unlikely to face is Richard Butland, who yesterday asked



'I'm a bit disappointed not to be playing against Sean Fitzpatrick, but Norm Hewitt is a great player and I want to make sure he knows I'm there. We have a good eight and we want to take it to them. We are there to play to our strengths and not be polite to them. We respect them for what they can do but we have no doubt in our own ability and at that first scrum, I have no respect

intimidated.

Cockerill, one of the two changes to the side that drew with Australia last Saturday, compares New Zealand's front row of Craig Dowd, Olo Brown and Hewitt with the Toulouse trio against whom he played twice for Leicester this season in the Heineken Cup: Christian Califano, Patrick Soula and Franck Tournaire. "If we play to our full potential I think we will do very well," he said. "I won't say we will win but we will be

in with a chance." His confidence is typical of a young squad with its way to make, though the older heads in the team acknowledge with some gravity the progress made by New Zealand in the last two years. Four of the England XV tomorrow - Phil de Glanville, Kyran Bracken. Jason Leonard and Martin Johnson - played in the side that beat the All Blacks 15-9 at Twickenham in 1993, the last time they toured here, and the present touring team has made huge strides since then. Sean Fitzpatrick, their in-

jured captain, said yesterday: We only remember the matches we lose, not the ones we win." Motivation, it seems. will not be a problem.



## Wales go without Quinnell

WALES have delayed naming their side to play New Zealand at Wembley until next Tuesday to allow players, among them David Young and Allan Bateman, more time to recover from injury. A squad of 26 was announced by Kevin Bowring, the coach, yesterday but it was the names of those excluded, such as Scott Quinnell and leuan Evans, that created most interest.

Quinnell's rocky relationship with the Welsh Rugby Union appeared to take another turn for the worse after the Richmond player met Bowring earlier this week. Although Quinnell trained with the squad on Wednesday. a lack of fitness was cited as: the reason why he was not considered for the game unst the Ali Black is a 72,000 sell-out.

Bowring said he had had a "long and amicable chat" with

BY MARK SOURTER

Quinnell about his fitness. However we felt he was not quite ready:" Asked if the player had agreed with that assessment Bowring replied: "You will have to ask him."

Ieuan Evans has admitted that he has not played enough competitive rugby recently to be fit enough to be considered for international rugby. leuan told me, however, that he has his appetite back and he hopes to be considered for

the five nations'," Bowring

Gareth Llewellyn's international career has been reprieved by the leg injury sustained by Steve Moore, of Moseley, that will sideline him for at least a month. Liewellyn was drooped against Canada in the nummer and missed the matches against Romania and

Rob Howley, whose appear ance as a substitute against Tonga galavanised Wales on Sunday, seems certain to start against New Zealand. Gwyn Jones has been named as captain of the squad that shows one newcomer, Chris Stephens, of Bridgend.

Australia have further delayed a decision on who will take on their goalkicking duties against Scotland at Murraylield tomorrow, although John Eales, the captain, who struggled against England last weekend, remains the favourite. Rod Macqueen, the coach,

watched Eales in practice yesterday, along with Joe Roff, who took over from Eales at Twickenham and hit the target with two out of three, and Stephen Larkham, who could not be considered for the job against England because of a thigh strain.

#### HOCKEY

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## Thompson prepares for testing reunion

BY A CORRESPONDENT

WITH the women's premier heague looking for saviours to stop Slough's runaway canter to a fifth title in eight years, Jo Thompson, the Ipswich goalkeeper, may feel more than usually exposed in the home match against her former club TOTHOTTOW. '

Still widely regarded as Britain's best, Thompson, a veteran of 125 outdoor and indoor matches for England and Great Britain, has now retired from the international arena, but her outstanding form this season has kept Inswich in touch, three points chind the leaders.

A defeat for Inswich would effectively put Slough out of reach. Not that there ought to be undue concern with less than half the fixtures completed, but the feeling is growing that it will take something extraordinary to stop an aftack that averages more than

six goals per game. Slough's emphasis on attack does leave gaps, according to Vicki Sandall, the Ipswich midfield player, who rates the Slough defence as "weak" adding "if we can score a couple of goals, we can defend a lead successfully

As Ipswich have the best defensive record in the division, this confidence may not be entirely misplaced. Thompson, however, may be stretched to foil the league's joint top-scorers, the Great Britain strike force of Mandy Nicholls, of England, and Sue MacDonald, of Scotland, backed by a full line-up of their international coll-

injuries beset ipswich who are still without Lucy Youngs and Colleen Adcock. To add to their worries, the influential-Sandie Lister faces a late fitness test along with Lorraine Catchpole.

Clifton, in third place, travel to Formby to take on Hightown, one place below. Hightown have goalscoring problems and will need to cut off the supply to the visitors' ebullient Denise Marston-Smith, scorer of seven of her ciub's ten goals.

Doncaster, who are already struggling for survival in the premier league having gained fust one point, travel to Olton. while Trojans, a point better off, entertain the inconsistent Sutton Coldfield

## Lloyd rolls on at helm for Britain

TENNIS: David Lloyd has agreed to carry on as Britain's Davis Cup captain for the next three years with one immediate target — to restore his team to the World Group in 1998. Lloyd, whose original contract was due to expire on February 28 next year, has signed a rolling one-year contract, open for three years,

Britain, who are in Euro-Africa Zone group one, have won five of their past six ties since Lloyd took over. Their 1998 campaign will open with a home tie against either Ukraine or Denmark for a place in the world group qualifying round, at the Newcastle Arena from April 3-5.

#### High-class field E EQUESTINALISME

Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the European showjumping champion, heads the entry for the 26th Olympia International Show Jumping Championships from December 18-22. All the world's top ten, apart from Hugo Simon, of Austria, the No I; will take part.

#### Stevens returns

ENOCKER: Kirk Stevens, 39, from Canada. is expected to return to the professional circuit after an absence of five years, having won the Americas qualifying event in

Bell wings in W BURN LEADER Mark Bell, 24, the Sydney St George wing, yesterday signed for Wigan Warriors.

#### Peter Ball

Alex Perguson, the Manchester United manager. and Graeme Powler, the former England cricketer. were among the mourners at the funeral yesterday of Peter Ball, the northern football correspondent of The Times, who died last week from lenkaemia. Family, friends and sporting and attended the service at St Mary's Church, Rawtenstall,

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES **FOOTBALL**

Nationwide Leegue Second division Futhern v Gillingham (7.45) .

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Postumouth v Totanniam Hotspur (7.0). FAI HAPP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bohe-miane v Sigo (7.45); Drogheda v Finn Harpe (7.45); Shamrock v UCD (7.45).

BASKETBALL Trophy: Newcastle Eagles v Jets (7.30); Birmingham Bu-Thames Valley Tigers

BRITISH AEROSPACE NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS: Linder-

#### **RUGBY UNION** Group A Tour match Edinburgh v ACT (at Meggetlend, 7.0)

Soroughmur v Kirkesidy (7.0)...
Edinburgh Acade President's XV v
David Sole XV (2.30)
Kilmamock v Ayr (7.30)
Glasgow Southern v Periolee (7.0)
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Loughborough Students (7.45)...
Musseburgh v
Stewarts Metville FP (7.15)...
Selkirk v Gels (7.0)

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SNOOKER: Liverpool Victoria UK Championship (at Preston)

## Smith surfs to world record amid high seas

LAWRIE SMITH, of Great Britain, and his young crew on board Silk Cut have not had the opening to the Whitbread Round the World Race that they would have wanted, but they underlined again yesterday that in terms of pure boat speed and sheer drive and commitment, they are easily capable of matching the best in

in another extraordinary episode of downwind speed sailing in big. following Southern Ocean seas. Smith broke the world record for the longest distance sailed by a monohuli in 24 hours. Last July Chris Dickson, at the helm of Toshiba, set a new mark during the pre-Whitbread transatlantic qualifying race when his boat managed 434.4 miles.

FROM EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT, IN FREMANTLE

Yesterday Smith added another 15 miles to that already large total and came within a whisker of reaching 450 miles, with a total of 449.26 miles at an average speed of 18.7 knots. Smith, who has 1,687 miles still to sail to reach the second-leg finish here. thus recaptured the record he first set at the helm of the W60. Intrum Justitia, in the last Whitbread, when he covered 428.7 miles.

on the leg leader, Swedish Match, skippered by Gunnar Krantz, by 13

business of catching Paul Cayard's

EF Language, which is just one place ahead of Smith on the race course in from the main hatch. Each crest, as it approaches, towers above the helmsfourth position for the leg. In 24 hours Smith cut Cayard's lead from man before the boat rises and takes off towards the next trough. 70 miles to 38 miles, taking advan-

spinnakers and two broken spinna-The record-breaking run came in lengthening and building waves, giving Silk Cut the chance to surf at

ported: "There used to be a rule on the old clipper ships that the helms-man should not look behind. You can

understand why when you look aft

Steve Hayles, the navigator, re-

He continued: "Looking forward tage of Cayard's difficulties with torn things seem far more sensible, although we have had one or two waves that have been extremely

steep.
The trouble in these waves is that you risk nose-diving - that is, ploughing into the wall of water in front of you. This slows the boat very quickly and makes a broach very

probable and places enormous loads The trick to this is to ease the right amount of spinnaker sheet just at the right time to 'pop' the bow and get things back under control."

in the overall standings, getting ahead of Cayard could have a dramatic effect on Smith's position, moving him from sixth overall to third, and cutting his deficit on Cayard from 55 points to 29. An elated Hayles is well aware of what is at stake in the last few days as the boats power north-eastwards to-wards Western Australia.

"Breaking a world record is great but we haven't forgotten that we are here to race eight other boats and it is crucial to us that we keep gaining on EF Language in particular," he said. Signing off, he added: "Than's all for now from the whole of the purple army aboard the mighty shark."

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## Dalglish despairs at cruelty of quarter-final draw

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

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Arsenal and Chelsea have

progressed to the last eight

despite using the competition

as no more than a run-out for many of the lesser-known

members of their squads.

Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal manager, might now favour

fielding a stronger side when

they play away to West Ham United.

West Ham, who have

reached the quarter-finals for

the first time in seven years,

through to the fifth round.

Newcastle United v Liverpool

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To be played week of Jan 5

LIVERPOOL and Newcastle United have treated the Coca-Cola Cup with respect this season, with Roy Evans and Kenny Dalglish, the respective managers, fielding fullstrength sides in a genuine attempt to win the competition. Not for them the youthweakened selections offered by Manchester United, Arsenal and Chelsea.

When the draw for the quarter-finals was made on Wednesday night, it was thus perhaps a shade unfair that they should be paired. They could have drawn Reading. Middlesbrough or Ipswich Town — the remaining small fry — but fortune deserted them. They will meet at St James Park on a date to be arranged early in the new

"It's a bit ironic." Dalglish said. While some clubs in the competition have been giving their younger players some experience, ourselves and Liverpool are two of the clubs who have fielded their strongest teams. And now we get drawn against each other. It's

amazing, really." It means three games be-tween the clubs in less than a month, the cup-tie being sandwiched between the FA Carling Premiership fixtures. Liverpool travel to Tyneside on December 28, with the return at Anfield on January 20. The latter was rearranged from August 31 after its cancellation because of the

death of Diana, Princess of Upton Park this season. Frank Lampard, who scored a hat-trick in the 4-l defeat of They'll certainly be tough matches but we'll all be look-Walsall on Wednesday, exing forward to the challenge," pects the impressive sequence Dalglish, the former Liverpool

to continue. manager, said. "I might also We can beat anyone at bump into one or two familiar. home," he said. "It's a match faces along the way. The most we're really looking forward important thing is that they've to and we've got nothing to fear. It'll certainly be tough but I'm pleased because it will got to come to our place in the cup, but we'll be taking nothbe good for the fans. You've Newcastle last faced Livergot to test yourserves against the best. If we can get through, pool in the Cora-Cola Cup at Anfield two seasons ago, when you have to fancy us to maybe a goal from Steve Watson. go the whole way."

Chelsea needed extra time to beat Southampton in the fourth round, a late goal from Jody Morris giving them a 2-1 victory. Southampton had taken the lead through Kevin Davies, but it was cancelled out by Tore Andre Flo's equaliser. Chelsea now travel to Portman Road to take on Inswich, conquerors of Manchester United in the third round last month.

The Nationwide League first division is guaranteed one representative in the semifinals. Reading, who beat Leeds United 3-2 at Elland Road on Tuesday, will play Middlesbrough at Elm Park. "It's a great draw for the club and the fans," Allan Harris, the Reading assistant manag-er, said. "Paul Merson is a great player and I also rate Mikkel Beck and Emerson very highly, but we've got just as good a chance as they



Paul Gascoigne's latest brush with Scottish referees has earned him a five-match suspension. The Rangers and England midfield player was shown the red card by John Rowbotham during the match against Celtic at Celtic Park on Wednesday night. The referee acted after Gascoigne aimed a blow at Morten Wieghorst, the Celtic midfield player, pictured.

Gascoigne will serve an automatic onematch ban tomorrow and the latest offence gave him another 12 points, taking his total to

21 and past the threshold for a further

video evidence to be used to review such incidents, as is common in England. Paul Sturrock, the manager of St Johnstone, said: "If the referee sits down and watches the game on video I think he will realise he made a mistake in sending Gascoigne off." Wieghorst also said that he felt the punishment was too

However, the incident has brought calls for

Santrac instigator

## Australia unhappy at lifting of bans

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

AUSTRALIA'S build-up to their World Cup play-off against Iran on Saturday was further disrupted yesterday when Fifa, football's world governing body, cleared four Iran players to play in the first leg in Tehran. They had expected to be suspended after receiving their second cautions of the qualifying series in the 3-2 defeat by Japan in Malaysia last weekend.

"Are we all following the rules here or not?" Terry Venables, the Australia coach, said. "I can't even dream why they have done this. It is definitely an unfair issue. We are still in the same qualification process and if you get to the World Cup finals, then there is an amnesty on book-ings. I understand that. But not now."

Fifa announced yesterday that yellow cards do not count at this late stage in the qualifying competition, with Iran and Australia vying for the last place in the finals in France next year. Khoadadad Azizi, the Asian player of the year, is now able to play for Iran.

Australia, who have been based in nearby Dubai, have complained about the state of the pitch in Tehran and also upset their hosts by calling the trip a "logistical nightmare". David Hill, the chairman of Soccer Australia, said: "I'm quite happy to clarify any misunderstandings when we get there."

The Football Association has welcomed confirmation from Fifa that world rankings will be used alongside previous World Cup performances to decide the eight seeds for France 98.

Fifa had suggested that, as with previous World Cups, the top eight nations would be selected on their records at recent fournaments.

Despite England rising to sixth place in the latest official rankings, they would still not have been seeded automatically after failing to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. Fifa is now considering a rethink of the rules to establish the seeds, who are then kept apart in the initial group stages.
"Other studies will take into

consideration, in one form or nother, the team's performance in the rankings," a Fifa spokesman said.

They may be combined in some way with the coefficient system.

## Merthyr make the most of reprieve

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

> THAT Merthyr Tydfil stand on top of the Dr Martens League with sights set on regaining the place in the Vauxhall Conference they lost three seasons ago is a distinct triumph for Colin Addison; their well-travelled manager.

"We deserve to be there," he said. "We've shown a lot of consistency to be there, but there is a long way to go - and all those other football cliches we managers use. We've all worked very hard and we need to work twice as hard to stay there, but I'm very pleased for the players, the supporters and everyone connected with the club."

Such a happy prospect looked unlikely towards the end of last season, Addison's first in charge — despite a highlight of reaching the first round of the FA Cup. "We were in receivership, the play-ers weren't paid for the last six weeks of the season and we didn't know whether the club would continue," he said.

Salvation came in the shape of Charles Stanley, who runs a firm of chartered accountants in Milton Keynes, but has ties with South Wales through other business interests. It was only in the middle of June that Merthyr's future was secured. player, couldn't put down any grass seed, put any paint on the goals," Addison said. "We had an awful lot of catching up to do."

There is a solid bedrock to a team assembled by Addison and Roger Gibbins, his player-coach, with Gareth Abraham and David Barhouse, survivors from last season, and Shaun Chapple, a midfield player signed from Swansea City, being backed by youngsters such as Ian Mitchell and Anthony Jenkins.

The emergence of young players gladdens any club's heart and when it is down the other end of the table it is all the sweeter. Shown the way by a superb goal by George Parris, Matt Brown, released by Leeds United and newly arrived on the South Coast. was also on the scoresheet to help St Leonards Stamcroft sweep to a 5-1 victory over Cambridge City on Wednesday night - breaking their tempt. Leon Shepperdson, the Stameroft chairman, said: "It's been very character-forming — or so my young players tell me, anyway."

## Santrac proves unifying force in Yugoslavia Tom Walker on the international manager

The clock in Slobodan Santrac's office stopped in 1991, the same year that the bloody collapse of Yugoslavia began. It has not started again since, but the manager of the national team is sanguine about his chaotic facilities. "I want time to stand still," he said. "You only get a. generation of players like this

once in a lifetime." in his highest goelscorer in the old Yugolsav league, is the instigator of one of the more unlikely success stories in world football the resurrection of the rimp of Yugolsavia as a global power in time for the World Cup finals in France next year. In qualify-ing through the play-offs last week with a 12-1 aggregate win over Hungary, Yugoslavia not only showed themselves to be worth their place, but potential winners.

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"I hope we will show the

world what it has missed,"

Santrac said, making little effort to hide his bitterness

over the international sane-

whose dream has survived the darkest days

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tions that prevented the Serbdominated Yugoslavia of the only with a lack of competi-Milosevic from competing inon the successful Yugoslavia youth side of the late 1980s, was banned from the European championship in 1992, their place being taken by Denmark, the eventual winners. Yugoslav football classically inventive, fluent but marred by ill-discipline then disappeared from the

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team spirit alive. "The players respected for it," he said.

national side has been nurtured on foreign soil. Ten of the XI that won the second match against, Hungary 5-0 last week are based abroad. Santrac had to contend not simply getting his players together. "During sanctions there was often no transport, so the players couldn't even fly here," he said. "We'd bring. them by car from Budapest or Vienna. It was vital that the

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If Yugoslavia have a probpaid from their own pockets lem, he admitted, it is at an to come back and they are emotional level. "In England you accept defeat as part of the Santrac is now assembling game," he said, "But here it is a tragedy. Our players overa B squad to increase competi celebrate or suffer too much tendencies you have to overcome to be a professional."

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playing abroad — and espe-cially in Britsin — is good." Santrac said. "But if they are too young then their development suffers. Curcic and Stefanovic have not pro-gressed as they should. Physically, mentally and tech-nically the Premiership is very demanding and maybe they

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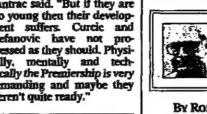
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#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The 1998 Daily Bridge Calendar has a hand for each day of the year, contributed by various well-known experts. Some of the hands are quite difficult but today's is suitable for a Refresher. It was submitted by Bobby Wolff, ex-Dallas ace and many times world champion. Try it after covering up the East and West

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Contract: Three No-Trumps by South. Lead: jack of diamond As always, the first thing to do

is count your tricks. You have two in spades, two in hearts, three in diamonds and one in clubs. Since West has chosen to lead a diamond, it is unlikely that the suit will break 3-3, so your main chance of a ninth trick is in

Many players would win the diamond in dummy and take the club finesse, but, as Wolff points out, there is a much better plan. Win the diamond in dummy and duck a club completely. Win whatever suit the defenders play next and cash the ace of clubs. On this occasion the king falls, but if it doesn't cross to dummy and lead a third club towards your queen. This line

of play assures two club winners whenever clubs are 3-3, whenever East has the king, and whenever West has king singleton or doubleton. The calendar is good value

for money. You can get it for

£15.50 post-free from Mr. Bridge, Ryden Grange, Bisley, Surrey, GU21 2TH. Credit card hotline 01483 489961. Alternatively, if your chums

don't like the drip-feed method, you could buy them The Times Book of Bridge I, price £6.99 + Elp&p, available from Chess & Bridge, 369 Euston Road NWI 3AR, tel: 0171 388

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#### WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AMORCE

a. Lack of repentance b, A cap c. Feudal service obligation

a. A male chauvinist skunk b. A spider's genital organ c. A female successor

CHOWCHILLA a. A bird b. Mexican hot bean curry c. Squirrel's fur

**ESPAGNOLE** a. Brown sauce b. A Toledo sabre

c. A dance Answers on page 46-



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Decision reversed

The European club championship match between Slough and Graz (Austria) aroused deep feelings when the arbiter. Bob Wade, defaulted a Graz player after an unacceptable intervention by the Austrian captain. Wade's decision permitted Slough to qualify narrowly, from a match in which they had appeared to be facing certain loss. This match, which was played earlier in the year, attracted media attention when representatives from both sides came to blows

during the altercation. Now a ruling by Fide, the world federation, has reversed Wade's decision. Graz have been awarded victory in the match but the captain, P. Detter, has been banned from accompanying his team both this year and next.

Adams's advance

Michael Adams has enjoyed a tremendous run of success in recent months. His exploits include share of first prize in the British championship, the gold medal for chess at the Mind Sports Olympiad and an unbeaten record in the world-class Tilburg tournament. A sign of his increasing maturity is the following win against Alexei Shirov who, in the past, had often proved a particularly dangerous opponent for Adams. In this case, though, Shirov is demolished with the white pieces in a mere 27 moves.

White: Alexei Shirox Black: Michael Adams Bundesliga 1997

Nimzo-Indian Defence

Qc2 Bb7 24 14 25 Rae1 26 Bc1

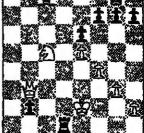
Diagram of final position abcdefgh

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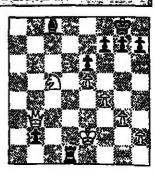
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Speelman - Schauwecker, Hastings 1972. Black is a queen for rook down, but has a very strong passed pawn on b2. What is the best way to exploit this?



Solution on page 46



#### GOLF:-SHINING EXAMPLE OF CAPTAIN TAKES TEAM TO BRINK OF CHALLENGE VICTORY

## Archer poised to hit final target

FROM MEL WEBB IN IA MANGA

And the second

A HUGELY competent performance by one of the pretournament favourites gave them a healthy lead after the first day of the national final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge here yesterday. Archer Leisure are not quite out of sight, but even their closest rivals need a pretty high-powered lens to catch a glimpse of them as the final goes into its second and last round today.

Archer ended the day on 81 Stableford points, six ahead of Ora Electronics, with AGF Irish Life Holdings one point further back and a gaggle of four comprising Anglo Holt Construction, Derry Landscapes, Duracell Batteries and Shandon Leisure on 72. The leaders must fancy their chances of holding on to their advantage - nearly everybody else does - but if the history of this tournament is



anything to go by, the competition is far from over.

Students of the Challenge will need no reminding that last year the Jaguar Centre, from Hull, were trailing by a mile after the first day and ended up in the four-way play-off for the title. Archer know that the slightest slip, especially in the early holes today, will see them hauled back into the pack and struggling like fury to keep their noses in front.

Somebody up there must have been keeping a close watch over the La Manga Club yesterday morning. The early groups on the course had barely started before what had been little more than a playful breeze became, if not quite a

gale, at least a good, vigorous blow. It changed the whole complexion of the piece. Anything the players had learnt about club selection in their practice rounds had to be tossed out of the window without a second glance; this was an entirely different golf

ROSS DRUMMOND never

dreamt it would be like this. It

had never occurred to him that

he would be forced to travel to

the qualifying school in south-

ern Spain to try his luck

with the teenagers with stars

in their eyes, the amateurs

who had just turned profes-

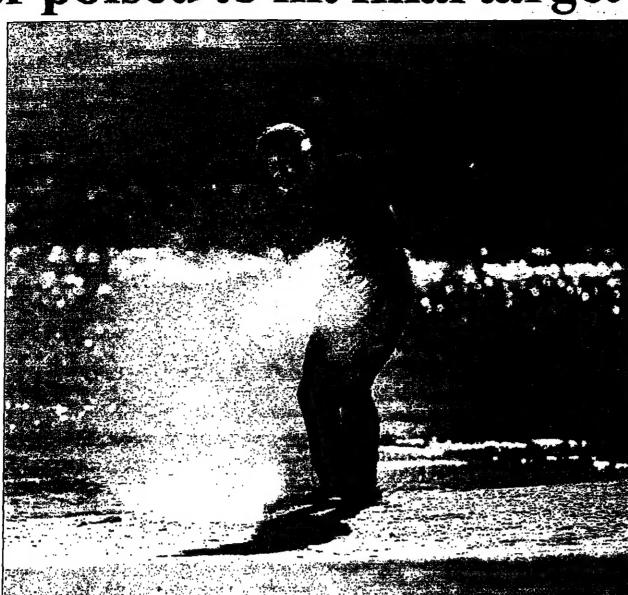
sional and the tournament

Answers from page 44

AMORCE

**EPIGYNE** 

**ESPAGNOLE** 



Paul Western, of Anglo Holt Construction, plays out of a bunker by the 8th green. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

course from the demanding but playable proposition that had presented itself for their inspection the day before.

In the circumstances Chris Gotla, the Archer captain, and his men - Paul Taylor, Marke Allen and Steve Davies scored brilliantly. An average of five points a hole was probably too much to ask for, but that is what they achieved, and more.

From first stroke to last, Gotta, who shields his considerable talent under a carapace of self-deprecating modesty was the team's shepherd, mentor and guide. He clubbed his team-mates, he strolled hither and you giving them lines on their putts and all the while managed to focus

winners who had fallen on

He had had to do it twice

before in his career, but that

was 20 years ago. He had not

had to submit himself to this

in many ways Drummond,

hard times.

torture since.

The second secon

(b) A charge of line-grained powder for priming a small fire-arm; a cap for a toy pistol. From the Old French amorse bait, lure, priming, amordre to bite. "Summoned for having in his possession a small

quantity of manufactured amorces, he not having a licence for the sale of explosives. These toy pistol caps were made of a very dangerous explosive."

(b) The ovipositor in arachnids: the external genital plate in spiders. From the Greek epi upon + guné a woman. "These [sc. ovaries] have a common exterior orifice (vulva), and connected with this opening

(a) The black-headed log-runner (Orthonyx spaldings), a small bird found in the dense scrub of mountain ranges in Queensland. Echoic in imitation of its note. "Settlers in northern Queensland know the Black-headed log-runner not only as the Auctioneer bird, but as the Chowchilla, since, they say, a company of the birds freely shouts "Chow-chilla-chow-chow,"

(a) In full espagnole sauce, a simple brown sauce. The French word for "Spanish". "A tablespoonful of chopped mushrooms may be

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

... Rh!! 2 Qb8 (2 Qxb2 Rxb2+ while 2 Qb6 is also met by 2 ... h5) 2 ... h5 3

Qxc8+ Kh7 and Black will emerge the exchange ahead.

there is frequently an epigyne, or ovipositor."

enough on his own game to provide the quartet with a rock-solid base upon which to build their score.

Gotla, a two-handicap former Leicestershire county champion, had a 73, only one over par, magnificent golf in the conditions. The three others were quick to acknowledge the part he had played in their relentless drive to the top of the leaderboard - when you have a man in your team who is going to give you a couple of points on just about every hole, it does liberate the other three to play aggressive golf.

The high spot of Archer's round came on the 18th, a parfive with water threatening a leaked drive left and right and a barranca in front of the green to trap the bold - or foolhardy - who are tempted to get up in two. Archer had

just had two three-point holes. one of them the tortuously

difficult, long par-three 17th.

They needed a big finish and they got it. Taylor laid up in front of the barranca with a seven-iron, put an eight-iron to ten feet and made the putt for a birdie, net eagle. Easy. Allen did almost as well, his 20-foot birdie putt stopping three inches from the

It was a seven-point haul, one of only two similar scores in the whole day. Come tonight, it might prove to be the hole that wins the tournament. It was heady stuff, further proof, if it were needed, that on this day nobody was more accurate than these straightshooting Archers.

#### LA MANGA DETAILS

81: Archer Leisure 75: Ora Electronics 74: AGF Irish Life Holdings 72: Anglo Holt Construction

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN SOTOGRANDE

40, was a model professional,

albeit a modestly successful

one, with four victories in the

Scottish professional champ-

ionship to his credit. At 6ft 4in

and as thin as a one-iron, he

stood out and his rhythmical

swing made him look the

Certainly nothing so drab and unpleasant as failure was

in his mind after the success he had in 1996, when he won

£100,000 in three weeks. Last

season Drummond was enti-

tled to think that his golf was

on the turn. All his years of

hard work had begun to pay

off. Winnings of more than

£150,000 were nearly three times his previous year's best.

At one tournament he won

more than £32,000, the biggest cheque of his career.

It had been a long time

coming, mind you. Drummond turned professional in 1975, and, though he had twice

scored 65 in the Scottish Open

and set a course record of 64 at Slaley Hall in 1996, he had yet

to win an event on the Euro-

pean Tour. Again and again in 1996 he got close — second at Slakey Hall, third behind

Jesper Parnevik and Colin

Montgomerie in the Lancome Trophy, fourth in the Benson

So when it went wrong this

season and Drummond won

and Hedges International.

complete professional.

70; McClure Watters 69: Citibank NA 68: Orchard Toys West Bromwich Building Soc 65: Drakes Group Devonport Managemer 62: Opus 4 Integrated

only £38,000, sending him to qualifying school, he was be-mused. "I am not angry or dis-

appointed," he said yesterday.

had last year. I was looking

forward to having half a dozen

really good tournaments. I'm

surprised to be here and I

Then he corrected himself.

"I didn't do well enough, I suppose," he said. "I missed

too many cuts and those

tournaments where I didn't

miss the cut, I didn't finish

high enough." Then he added,

philosophically: "Over one

year it is better to have three or

Sherry: two over par

Titlera

don't know why I am."

I am puzzled after the year I

mediocre ones." Drummond's luck showed no sign of changing at San Roque yesterday, no more than did Gordon Sherry's. The former amateur champion went round Guadalmina in 74, two over par, while Drum-mond had a 76, four over, a score lower than only ten of his 179 rivals who are looking to finish in the ton 40 to qualify for the tour. In the first round of the 108-hole event, he reached the turn in 40. In all, his play was so inaccurate that he missed six greens and took three more strokes to hole out each time, as well as once

taking three putts. "I was close to playing myself out of it then," he said. To his credit, though, Drum-mond played his last three holes like a champion. He birdied the short loth by holing a 12-foot putt, birdied the long 17th by pitching from 100 yards to within one foot and then holed from 12 feet on the 18th for a birdie. Even so, he was eight strokes behind Per Nyman, the leader.

Drummond was encouraged by one of golf's oldest saws - that you cannot win a tournament in the first round, but you can lose one. He had finished well to make sure that he was not out of it. "But I've got some work to do now," Drummond said.

## Drummond has hard first day at school

6.00em The Breakfast Programme 6.00 Nicky Campbell 12.08 Middley with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide with Julian Worldker 7.00 News Extra with Annie Webster 7.30 Alan Green's Sportstatik 8.30 Friday Sport, Includes second-traff coverage of Futhern v Gleingham in Division Two, Plus, Richard Dunwoody with the weekend's recing and the laisest odds 19.00 Paper Talk with Srien Alexander and Jay Reyner 11.08 News Edita 12.00 After Hours 2.00ees Up All Night with Richard Dellyn 5.00 Morning Reports four really good weeks than 12 VIRGIN RADIO

5.00mm Jeremy Clark 7.00 Lynn Persons 10.00 (FM) Robin Banks (AM) Graham Dane 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (MW) Nicky Horne 4.00 Russ in Jone 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyse (AM) Calmin Jones 10.00 Mark Forest 2.00mm Richard Portar

#### TALK RADIO

6.30mm Paul Rose and Carol McGillen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.60 Lorestre Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Pater Desley 7.00 Anna Rasburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00em ion Collins

5.90es On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes:
Crusell (Introduction, Theme and Varietions on a Swedish Air); Saint-Saëns (Suite Algérienne);
Grainger (Scotch Strathspey and Reel); Schubert (Ave Maria); Walton (Overture Portsmouth Point);
Bernstein (On the Waterfront)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday. Rossini (Overture The Thieving Magpie); Vaughan Williams (Partissis on a Theme by Thomas Tallis); Felia (Herpsichord Concerto); Haydn (Symphony No 22 in C retnor)

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10.00 litusical Encounters, with John Toal, Korngold (Overture Much Ado About Nothing); Protofiev (Ten Pieces from Romeo and Juliet, selection); Dvořák (Overture Othello); Haydri (Piano Trio in Effat); Stoellus (The Swan of Tuonela); Barbor (Cello Concerto); Copland (Four Piano Blues); Roy Harris (Symphony No 3)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Strauss

1.00pm The Radio 3 Lanchtime Concert. Live from Scooppie Barbord (Filip Briefs)

Open The Redic 3 Lumchtime Concert. Live from St. George's, Brandon I-fill, Bristol, A concert given by the Fine Arts Brass Ensemble, includes Mozert, reconstr Wilby (Adegio and Amen Fugue); Tellis, air Mexwell Devies (Veri Redemptor I; Ex More Docti Mistico); Carter (A Fantasy about Purcell's Fantasia); Gesualdo, an Maswell Davies (Peccantem me Oudbide); Barber (Mutations from Bach); Tellis, air Meswell Davies (Ecce Tempus; Veri Redemptor II); Michael Finnissy (Obracht, Motet IV); Gestualdo, an Meswell Davies (O Vos Omnes); Mozert, air Roberts (Overfure Cosl Fan Trutte)

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs, Sue Lawley's castaway is Helena Kennedy, OC (r) 9.45 Feedback. Presented by Chris Dunkley 19.00 (LW) An Act of Worship.

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

## Fooling about for charity

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This year's charity marathon seems to include a disproportionate tumber of pop stars pingging (sorry, performing) their new singles, but if this amacts the viewers and brings in the cash so be it. More creditable are those who have nothing to sell and are not afraid to make fools of thems performing out of character. Familiar faces in unfamiliar routines usually provide some of the best moments and there is plenty to choose from here. Look out for the Casualty cast singing hits from American musicals, five of Coronation Street's female finest in a Motown medley and a karaoke contest between The Bill and EastEnders. In between such entertainments we hear how the El8.7 million raised in 1996 (the highest total for five years) was spent. The hosts are the usual Terry Wogan and Gaby Rostin.

#### War Walks BBC2, 8:00pm

Richard Holmes is in Leicestershire to recreate the 1425 Battle of Bosworth Field between Richard fill and the rival claimant to the throne. Henry of and the rival claimant to the throne, Henry or Lancaster. The result was to launch the Tudor dynasty. The problem is that nobody knows exactly where the fighting took place, which is perhaps why Holmes spends comparatively little time on the hostilites and much more on explaining the background. In doing so he produces a marvellously clear exposition of 15th-century politics and rescues Richard from the sneering lain of Shakespeare's play. For Holmes, Richard was a brave soldier and popular commander whose decision to stand and fight at Bosworth was a mark of heroism. As for murdering the princes in the Tower, Hoimes will have more of it. The evidence, he says, is not there.

Evening Concert Classic FM, 8.00pm

ITV, 8.30pm Surely you have heard the joke about the nun who was having a bath when there was a knock at the was having a bath when there was a knock at the door and ... If not, tune in to the first of a new comedy series by Chris England (of An Evening with Gary Lineker) and the all-purpose game show host, Nick Hancock. In the show (as in the joke) we

This is one of the most popular of Classic's evening slots, in part no doubt because of Richard Baker's presentational skills. Tonight the programme has two pegs on which to having its mosic today is the birthday of Benjamin Britten and tomorrow is St.

birthday of Benjamin Britten and tomorrow is St. Cecilia's Day. She is the parron saint of music, though the link is a little thin given that Cecilia's status as a singer was given to her by a tradition dating from long after her death in 230AD. But Purcell's Ode for St Cecilia's Day opens the programme, featuring the choir of New College, Oxford, The King's Consort and solonor. The Britten anniversary is marked by Four Sea Inter-

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RADIO 1

6.30mm Kevin Greening and Zo6 Ball 9,00 Simon Mayo 12,00 Jo Whiley. Includes 12,30pm Newsboat 2,00 Mark Raddille 4,00 Dave Peerce 6,45 Newsboat 6,00 Peta Yong: Essential Selection 9,00 Judge Jules 11,00 Westwood: Radio 1 Rep

RADIO 2

6.00mm Alex Lester 7.30 Weles Up to Wogan 9.30 Kan Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young news 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.45 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gragg 7.30 Fricisy Night to Music Night 9.15 Kee 9.30 Lisan to the Band 10.00 The Arts. Programme 12.05em Charles Nove 4.00 Diane Louise Jordan

Selection 9.00 Judge Jules 11.00 Westwood: Radio Show 2.90em One in the Jungle 4.00 Charlie Jordan

Symphony Orchestra under Leonard Slatkin.

Terry, Pudsey and Gaby (BBCl, 7.00pm)

are talking about men who sell blinds, not men who cannot see. Jeremy Swift and Jesse Birdsall play two such characters, whose fevered rivalry at work spills over into their home lives when they end up as neighbours. Sophie Thompson and Tamsin Grieg are their more sensible partners. On the early evidence this is an amiable and undernanding sinom which slips down easily thanks to neat plotting and likeable performances. The reservation is whether an apparently limited situation is capable of development.

#### Channel 4, 9.35pm

A moderately amusing sitcom about a scatterbrained bookstore owner in Los Angeles has been give publicity beyond its worth by the "outing" of both the eponymous heroine and the actress who plays her. When Ellen DeGeneres admitted to the world earlier this year that she was gay, her character, Ellen Morgan, followed suit and pulled in an audience of 5 million. That was in the United States and Channel 4 will not except and pined of the United States and Channel 4 will not expect such a bumper rating when the episode is shown-later. Meanwhile, as Ellen (Morgan) contemplates selling the bookstore and moving from the flat to a house, viewers can try to spot her sexuality before it with the sexuality before it with the sexuality before it. is made public. Absence of make up and jewellery may be one clue, another her preference for trousers. And, come to think of it, she has never really hit it off with men.

Peter Waymark

Left Dancel Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

Let me see, how many days left to Christmas? Ah yes, the arrival of the party season with its silly hats and regretted excesses is the ideal excess for this new series, albeit at a slightly odd time of the day; surely a series about hangover cures and morning-after excuses would be more use in this, slot? Never mind: happily this is not a series about dancing in the practical sense, which is not a very satisfactory form of exertise on the radio. Instead it satisfactory form of exercise on the radio. In focuses on the changing styles of parties, from Edwardian times to the present, therefore running the gamet from starchy formality to limp inform ality. But the first programme is more concerned-with the sorts of people who give parties now it is

#### WORLD SERVICE

6.00mm Newsday 6.15 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Sheft: The Handmaid's Tale 7.30 Music Review 8.00 News 8.10 Paxes for Thought 8.15 Westway 8.20 John Peel 9.00 News; News in German (646 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Children in Conversation 9.30 BDC Inglish: Speaking of English 8.46 Sports Roundup 16.00 Newsday, 10.30 Assignment 11.00 Newsdayk 11.30 Focus on Faith 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 British Today 12.30 Melor Kilers 12.45 Sports Roundup 7.00 Newsday 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Melitinatic Alternative 3.00 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multirack: All News, News in German (648 only) 2.05 Football Edita 2.15 Journey to the Centra of the Albra 3.30 Science in Action 4.00 News 4.15 On Your Behalf 4.30 The World Today; News In German (546 only) 4.46 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.46 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdeek -World Studyness Report 5-49 Sports Foundup July Newscest, 6-30 Focus on Feith; News in German (848 only 7-00 News 7-01 Cutlook 7-26 Paume for Thought 7-30 Multitack; Alternative 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9,15 British Today 9.00 People and Politics 19,00 Newsdesk 19.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup, 11,00 News 11,05 Cutlook 11,36 Multitack Alternative 12,007 Newsdesk 12,30 and From the Weekfier 12,45 British Today\* 1,00 Newsdesk 13,30 Cross Questioned 2,00 Newsdesk 13,30 Cross Questioned 2,00 Newsdesk 2,00 Newsdesk 1,00 News 1,05 Weekfier 12,45 British Today\* People and Politics 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Science in Action 4.00 Newsciest 4.30 The World Today 4.65 Off the Shelf

#### CLASSIC FM

8.00mm Alam Mann with Morning March and Breakfast Beroque 9.00 Henry Kelly. Michael Barry's Classic Recipe is non pudding Plus, Classic Mastispiece and Kelly's Club Sendwich 1.00pm Listener Recipett Hour with June Jones 2.00 Concerto. Haydin (Calio Concerto No 2 in D) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsnight with John Bruming 7.30 Sonata. Purcell Sonata No 7 in C and No 8 in G minor) 8.00 Evening Concert. See Choles Jones Russell (Civil for St Carellian Day 1.500) See Choice. Includes Purcel folds for St Certifia's Day, 1692, excepts); Britten (Four See Intedudes from Peter Grimes); Schubert (Symphony No.9 int.C) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.90em Concerto (f) 4.00 Sally Peterson

2.00 The BBC Archive. The slager Elly Ameling takes to Gordon Stewart about her career and her repertoire, includes Schumaint's Liederfreis, Debussy's Le Damoiselle Elle and Schubert's Shaphard on the Rock; with the claimettist Thea.

2.00

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Shaphard on the Rock; with the clarinetitist Thea
King and the plantst Delton Baldwin
4.00 Music Restored The fortapianist Maggie Cole
plays keyboard sonates by J.C. Bach, James
Hook, Mozart and Stephen Storace (r)
4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp
5.00 to Tuine, with Seen Refferty
7.30 Performance on 3. Prague Plano Duo, BBC
Symphony Orchestra under Jirl Belontavek,
Jamacek, arr Balohlavek (Suite The Encursions of
Mr Brousek, Lik premiere); Martinu (Concerto for
two planos); Dvořák (Symphony No 9 in E minor,
From the New World).
9.15 Poetscript: Tales from the Stacks (5/5)
9.30 Strause Transcriptions, Plers Lane, piano.
Rosenthal (Vierza Camiral); Schuiz-Evier (Concert
Arabeaque on The Blue Darube); Godowsky
(Concert Paraphrese on Die Fledermaus)
10.00 Hear and Now, in conversation with the
composer, Sarah Walker presents a portrait of
Benedict Mason, Includes Cage (Williams Mb;
Irraginary Landscape No 1); Mason (Mixed Media
Installation; Schumann-Aufrag) performed by
Capricom under Stån Edwards, with len Dearden
and David Sheppard, electronics;
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and David Sheppard, electronics, 11:30 Composer of the Week: Light! (f) 12:30em Documenting the Stuse (6/8) (f) 1.00 Through the Night; with Dorsald Mac

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9.45 Feedback. Presented by Chris Dunidey
10.00 (LW) An Act of Worship
10.00 (FM) Let's Dencel See Choice (1/4)
10.15 (LW) On This Day, with Geoffrey Wheeler
10.30 Women's Hour, with Shelia McClennon
11.30 The Natural History Programme. Presented by Joens Prinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm The Food Programme. Simon Perlos reports on the National Trust cooks who are being faught how to recreate historic dishes 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Anchers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 Classic Serial: War and Peace. Leo Tolstoy's spic novel, dramatised in ten parts by Marcy Kahan and Mile Walker (1/10) (1).
3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor and guests guests
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope, Tim Mariow reviews
Musbalde, the new play from Frank McGuinness,
directed by Trevor Nuran, at the National Theatre.
Plus an exhibition by the photographer Bruce PEXIC 

weder 4.45 Short Story: Forenate Evidence, by Martyn Bedford. Read by Denys Hawfforne (f) 5.00 PM 5.90 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 8.00 Stx O'Clock News

6.30 Going Places, David Stafford presents more ideas for the weekend shead
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Presented by Andy Kershaw
8.06 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in Falton. Northumberland, by Sir Jorethan Portitity Viette Cooper, Labour MP for Pontefract and Castleford; John Bercow, Consarvative MP for Buckingham; and the political journalist Anne McElvoy

Casterori, orn percow. Conservative Mr. for Buckingham, and the political journalist Anne McProy 3.50 Law in Action. Marcel Barlins presents the legal magazine series. James Effichmen examines the recent development of stores suing shoplithers for the cost of their crimes

9.16 Latter from America, by Asstar Cooke 9.30 Katelobascope Feature: Daneling with Your Epubrow. Bernard Hepton looks at the astonishing life of his one-time teacher Rudolf Labert (f) 9.59 Weather.

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Listing 10.46 Book at Beditame: A Simple Heart. Julian Barnes, reads Gustave Faubert is tale of a woman's life in 19th-centrify Normandy, abridged by Afson Joseph (3/3)

11.00 Week Ending. The satincal review of the week with Sally Grace. Jon Glover, Dave Lands and Sarah Parkinson

11.25 Fourth Column. A scieways look at the week.

11.45 Today in Parliament.

12.00 News 12.20em The Latte-Book: Bright Lights, Big City, by Jay McInemey (5/10) (f)

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# Great story, shame about the lack of detail

hat a week it has been for anniversaries. First Ken-ton made it back for Phil and Jill's ruby wedding celebrations in The Archers. And now Prince Edward has made a special family video to mark his mother's 50 golden years of married life. The day her house burnt down initially looked a curious choice of subject, but the broad smile on her face when she got it back, all clean \_ allotted time and created a logistics and shiny again, suggested her youngest son had got it right.

in television terms, Edward Windsor, the producer, got it about half right with Network First Windsor Restored (ITV). I was on an exotic holiday when the great fire happened, so the first I heard of it was when a particularly annoving American (there's always one) approached, trying desperate-ly to hide a look of triumph. "Did you gays hear about your Windsor Castle" No, but we knew we were about to.

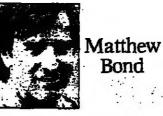
grateful for the chance to see what really happened. Whether the mix of fire service video and spectacular news footage that kicked off last night's film will have had the same impact on those who had seen it before, I do not know. Prince Edward clearly thought so - by the time the fire was out he had used up almost a third of his problem for himself in the process.

But he had also established the superficially egalitarian style of the film. As witnesses provided the sort of first-hand accounts you hear on 999, the captions moved meritocratically from Mick Koza, Royal Berkshire Fire Service, to HRH, Prince Andrew, the Duke of York. We were all in this together was the slightly over-loud message. Especially given what was to follow. For what Prince Edward un-

doubtedly does best is get his

relatives out on parade. So we had Prince Andrew talking about saving works of art and very long carpets; the Prince of Wales discussing architecture and indoor badminton; and the Duke of Edinburgh getting characteristically stuck in. "I just felt there was going to be a hell of a business trying to put it all back again."

Te was quite right. There was going to be a hell of a business, a hell of an interesting business, but it was a business of which this particular film barely scratched the scorched surface. Several quite interesting minutes about how you get 1.5 million gallons of water out of a soggy ancient monument suggest-ed that the story might be told in instead, handsome lip service was paid to the 4,000-strong army of craftsmen who worked on the restoration, but of the individual WEVIEW :



contributions made by joiners, plasterers, gilders, picture restorers there was barely a mention. Prince Edward has clearly not been watching enough rele-vision -- building skills are big box office at the moment.

If he had he would also have known that the "before" and "after" pictures, that capture the magnificence of the transformation, are vital. But the moment was

pictures (undeniably magnificent) shot from angles that appeared to have no bearing on the "before". Still, the Queen looked wonderfully happy with it all and at least we had been given a tantalising glimpse of the green oak ceiling in St George's Chapel and the stun-ning lantern lobby, made from

laminated nak. The Prince of Wales marvelled at the "sheer magnitude of the skills that still exist in this country". I was just sorry we hadn't seen a bit more of them in the film. On BBC2 it was the problems

caused by a talent more innate than acquired that kicked off Scare Stories, namely the ability of human beings to reproduce themselves. Over-population is one of the great scare stories of the modern age, but according to Simon Campbell-Jones's film, it is exactly that, a story. Thomas Malthus was wrong 200 years and

Population Bomb, caused such a fuss when it was published in 1968. Both were caught out by our continuing ability to feed ourselves - at least so far.

uch of Campbell-Jones's film was familiar, even if world population uch of Campbell-Jones's wasn't your specialist subject, but it was well told by an engaging bunch of those for whom it was. Coercion, we learnt, never works in the long term. The best form of contraception is economic prosperity (ask any rich Roman Catholic family) coupled with female literacy. The Pill also helps a bit and perhaps deserved a bit more credit than it got last night. In addition, I wouldn't have minded a few more statistics, to back up (or even buck up) the generally reassuring

message.
In a perfect world Natural Born Healers (Channel 4) would have a few more statistics. But this isn't a perfect world, it's television, no matter how hard it dresses itself up to look like serious scientific research. "None of us knows what the outcome will be," promises Dr George Lewith, as he sets out to investigate acupuncture with a non-random, non-scientific sample of, er, one. Fred. And guess what? Fred's arthritis got better.

This sort of thing may not be good science, but it is good television. Lewith is a convert to complementary medicine, but he's far from blinkered. The evidence for acupuncture is not perfect or definitive, so he says so. But there is some evidence that it might work, so why not?

Ten sessions and an awful lot of needles later, Fred was playing guitar, riding his bike and generalfeeling about 15 years younger. So there you have it - inconclusive proof that acupuncture really does work, sometimes.

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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12.00 News (1) (6131773) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (4266911) 12.35 Give Us A Clue (2150570) 1,00 News (1) and weather (62624) 1.30 Regional News (84271082) 1,40 The Weather Show (59739247) 1,45 Neighbours (1) (44284315) 2.05 Quincy (r) (2844860)

2.55 Wogan's Best of Blankety Blank (1) (7861353) (781353) 3.30 Playdays (8002605) 3.50 Dear Mr Barker (3714044) 4.05 The Ali New Popeys Show (5240995) 4.10 Casper (1919173) 4.35 Record Breakers (1626605) 5.00 Newsround (1) (5369228) 5.10 Blue Peter (1) (9210228)

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5.35 Neighbours (r) (i) (209334).

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7.00 Children In Need Terry
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the bell voiling for the 18th fundralsing
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musical start as the National Youth Music Theatre perform two numbers from their new production of Bugsy Melone blowed by exclusive performances from Gary Barlow and 911 (T) (2957)

7,30 Regional Update (752082) 7.40 Clever Kids and Criniday Bottoms Big Breaklast presenter Denise Van Outen Breakfast presenter Denise Van Outen sets the stage for performances by five of Britain's most talented children, and Noel. Edmonds presents a special House Party trom Florida; Peter André Peats viewers to his new single All Night All Right, and . the cast of Casualty awan their stethoscopes for stetsons in a country

and western medley (651978) 9.30 News (T) and weather (9082) 9.30 Children in Need The second half gets

under way with a song from Ulria. Jonsson; Magnus Magnusson presides over a celebrity edition of Mastermind, with contestants including One Foot in this Grave's Richard Wilson and Driving School star Maureen Rees; the Coronation Street girls provide a taste of Motown, the casts of EastEnders and The Bill join Suggs for a special edition of Channel 5's populer karaoke show Night Fever, and Jools Holland leads his Rhythm and Blues Orchestra in a

12.00 Pudsey's Song and Dance Lisa Stansfield, Boyzone and the Lightning Seeds take their turns in the spotlight

has been pledged so far (7065254). Followed by Weather 2.15 BBC Nous 24 (44445)

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Penelope Pitstop (2199353) 8.05 Smart (r) (2779150) 8.30 William's Wish Wellingtons (9573402) 8.35 Wishing (4477976) 8.45 The Record (9465131) 9.10 Music Makers (2069063) 9.30 Watch (4364605) 9.45 Come Outside (4352860) 10.00 Telefubbles (f) (23247) 10.30 Look and Reed (2281605) 10.50 The Art (2261841) 11.10 Landmarks (1487792) 11.30 English File (5889) 12.00 Scene (41792)

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6.45 Electric Circus (623686)

7.30 Earth and Life Report on the long-term effects of volcanic eruptions, providing an insight into the traumatic experiences of the people of Montserrat and asks if such natural occurrences brought about the extinction of dinosaurs (1) (421)

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9,30 The Fast Show Cornedy sketches, with more new characters (T) (58570) 10.00 Have I Got News for You Angua Deayton hosts the satirical quiz. The

**6.00 The Simpsons** (r) (1) (303150) 8.20 The Ren and Stimpy Show (r) (7)

7.00 Top of the Pope (1) (3529)

War Walks It Professor Richard Holmes explores the site of the 1485 Bettle of Bosworth Field (1) (\$247)

Geoff Hamilton (r) (T) (1082) militon's Paradise Gardens

game show with guests Jo Brand, Gary Rhodes, Russell Grant and Carol Smille (r).(T) (7624).



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guests and Tony Livesey, editor of the Daily Sport, and Arabella Weir (42421)

10.30 Newsnight (1) (547686) 11.15 The A Force Roy Diamond introduces the best in black entertainment (395976) 12.55am VR 5 (1) (7898193) 1.40 Quantum Leap (r) (T) (7138532) 2.25 Weather (9960880)

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9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (5449957) 9.55 Regional News (6966686 10.00 The Time, the Place (10773) 10.30 This Morning (T) (48235131) 12.20pm Regional News (I) 12.30 News (T) and weather (2186995) 12.55 WALES: Dogs with Dunber (2161686)

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7.30 Coronation Street Judy and Gary's closely guarded secret is out (1) (247) 8.00 The Bill Carver is desperate to impress his superiors by collering an infamous jewel thief (1) (6773)



Blind Merc The Winner Takes it All New sitcom about a pair of rival salesmen who find ignout a pair of trea sevential who the themselves living next door to each other. With Jarenry Switt, Jesse Birdsall, Sophie Thompson and Tamsin Greig (1) (5808) 9.00 Neighbours from Hell A documentary look at almost every conceivable type of feud between neighbours (r) (1) (1792) 10.00 News at Ten (T) and weather (46247)

10.30 Regional News and weather (280082) 10.30 Columbo: Murder In Mellibu (1990) Peter Falk as the crumpled detective Investigates the death of a famous romantic novelist. Directed by Welter Graumen (38793112)

12.25am Tales from the Crypt The love affair between a photographer and a model is ruined when another lover emerges to kill off his rival (5010667) 12.50 The Paul Ross Show (937629)

2.25 Passionate Summer (1958) Romantic melodrama starring Virginia McKenna, Bill Travers and Yvonne Mitchell. Directed 4.10 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (r)

(41568629) 4.35 Coach (93540532) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (95700) 5.30 News (53551)

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threatens to destroy London. John Boulting directs (74698976) 3.30 Dan Pearson: Routes Around the World (†) (1) (841) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (976) 4.30 Countdown (1) (1612044) 4.55 Ricki Lake (1) (9469599) 5.30 Pat

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Fernhams? (T) (6150) 9.00 Friends Joey buys Chandler an unusual pet. Monica has to make a difficult decision when Pete buys a restaurant (T)



Ellen jumps to it (9.35pm)

9.35 Ellen: Give Me Equity or Give Me Death The first of a DeGeneres (T) (492044)

10.00 Frasier Frasier and Niles celebrate Sherry's departure a little too early (1)

10.30 Rory Bremner — Who Else? Political comedy (541402) 11.10 Crapston Villas (3/10) (T) (519131) 11.25 TFI Friday (r) (695605)

12.30em Royal Flesh (1975) starring Malcolm McDowell, Alan Bates and Britt Ekland. Cornedy set in the 19th century, about a cowardly antihero. Richard Lester directs (T) (256006)

2.25 The Boy from Oklahoma (1954) starring Will Rogers It as a mild-mannered law student who cleans up a small town in the wild west. Directed by Michael Curitz (T) (350803) 4.00 Reunion de Family A moving story from Chile. In Spanish with English subtitles

5.00 Captain Butler (r) (T) (7531174)

5.35 Terrytoons (7236303)

5.45 Sesame Street (19261)

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8.30 WideWorld A new series on making new technology accessible to all (1/5) (8992452)

9.00 Espresso (2433518) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (8523570) 10.30 Was it Good for You? (r) (4592696) 11,00 Leeza (7188624) 11,50 Double Espresso (94362624) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (6203048) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (8375957)

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3.30 Pals (1967) starring George C. Scott and Don Ameche. A comedy about two old friends who find \$35million in an abandoned car. Directed by Lou Antonio (B332841)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (13527518) 5.30 Whittle (T) (3529179) 6.00 100 Per



6.30 Family Affairs Elsa wins by a landslide 7.00 Name That Tune (5108518) 7.30 Exclusive (3506228)

8.00 Jenny Ectair Squats Cornedy (5117266) 8.30 5 News (T) (5196773) 9.00 Always Remember I Love You (1990)

starring Steven Dorff. A drama about a teenager who is shattered to learn that he is adopted. Michael Miller directs (79224266)

10.50 La Fernma Nikita (4748605)

11.45 When He's Not stranger (1989) starring Annabeth Gish and John Terlesky. A drama about a college student who is raped by her best friend's boytriend. Directed by John Gray (5608537)

1.35em High Mountain Rangers (1987)
starting Robert, Christian and Shane
Conrad. Three men go in search of an
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Richardson stars as John Ridgefield, a
British boffin racing against time to
manufacture the world's first supersonic

aircraft. Directed by David Lean (6603529) 5.20 The Road (57582919) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2414483)

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New coach aims to revive Tottenham by instilling discipline and team spirit

# Gross spurred on by sense of history

A HEARSE waited outside the church of St Francis de Sales, opposite White Hart Lane. yesterday — a final, coinciden-tal reminder, perhaps, that Gerry Francis was no longer the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, Inside White Hart Lane, Christian Gross, his successor, was installed. It was the first day of his rescue mission, to revive a club languishing in the depths of the FA Carling Premiership.

Gross arrived three minutes late, not the best example for one who is supposedly a stickler for punctuality. He had, though, travelled by London Underground from Heathrow and held aloft his ticket to prove it. "I want this to become my ticket to dreams," he said. "I came by Underground because I wanted to know the way the fans feel coming to Spurs. I want to show that I am one of them." It was impressive, emotive

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stuff from the former coach of Grasshopper Zurich. Gross, 43, becomes the head coach of Tottenham and his "dream ticket" includes Chris Hughton, the former Tottenham player, as his assistant and Fritz Schmid, a colleague at Grasshopper, as his fitness trainer. Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, has given them 18 months to sort out the

Gross is bald, multilingual and, for the moment, known as "Christian Who?" by mest supporters, many of whom greeted his appointment with disbelief. He conducted the interviews with ease, emphasising important words by raising his voice in almost comical, sergeant-major fashion. In all probability, the Tottenham players will dis-

obev at their peril. We have to stop, to stop, the fall of Tottenham." Gross said. "We must have spirit, good

spirit, inside and outside the club. Everyone has to work hard, teamwork is what I want — that is the key word. It is a big jump, a big jump, and a big challenge. The ream has to act, not

react, and we will be aggressive and play with great spirit. I was a team man when I was a player and even the biggest names have to fit into a pattern. With me, team spirit and discipline come first. You

Gross was a midfield player who began his career with SV Hongg and also played for Grasshopper, Lausanne, Neuchatel Xamax, Vfl Bochum, of Germany, St Gallen and Luance for Switzerland and played five times for the national B side. Since switching to management, he has led FC Wil from the Swiss fourth division to the second and guided Grasshopper to success in the league championship, twice, and the Swiss

Cup.
Tottenham are one of the most famous clubs not only in England, but the whole world," Gross said. "I would like to aim for the kind of success that Bill Nicholson had with them when they did the double and were also the first English team to win a European trophy.

He likened Les Ferdinand. the England and Tottenham striker, to Harry Hotspur, the swashbuckling character from Henry IV and after whom the club took its suffix. "I want Les to be my Harry Hotspur," he said. "Hotspur was a warrior, so why not Les?"

Gross has been assured that money is available to strengthen his squad but he will first assess what he has inherited - a team that has won only one of its past ten Premiers matches and lies in sixteenth place. They next play against Crystal Palace at White Hart Lane on Monday night. "I am aware that Tottenham have already spent much money in the transfer market," he said. "I will not be asking to buy such names as Ronaldo."



Just the ticket: Gross, the Tottenham coach, showed his empathy with the supporters by travelling to White Hart Lane by Tube yesterday. Photograph: Anthony Upton

drawing up a shortlist of candidates to replace Francis, who announced his resignation on Wednesday. "Christian's credentials shone through," Sugar said. so many superstars at the club and youngsters coming through, there is a great need for discipline. From that you will get your spirit, that's what

Sugar also announced that he was looking for a director of football, who would have a seat on the Tottenham board, to assume most of the responsibility for transfer dealings. We have to modernise the methods of the club," he said. "A new position has evolved and he will go out, find the players and present the coach with choices. He will do all the legwork, all the groundwork. then will talk with Christian." As the labourers busied themselves nearby, reconstructing the North Stand at White Hart Lane, Gross com-

## United capitalising on record profits

BY DAVID MADDOCK

PROFESSOR Sir Rowland Smith was in light-hearted mood yesterday, a somewhat surprising development given that he was presiding over Manchester United's annual general meeting. The United plc board chairman usually controls these normally fraught occasions with a particulary severe schoolmaster's approach, but this gath-

ering was far from usual. Sir Rowland even dared to suggest at one stage that if he were presented with a serious question, the board would retire to the bar. There was good reason for levity, as he explained to the 700 shareholders present. "We are the biggest and most profitable football club in the world," he

Yesterday was a good day for Manchester United. Not only had the world's richest club announced record profits

extended five-year contract bringing the number of players in the first-team squad contracted beyond the turn of the century to 15.

Martin Edwards, the chief executive, also had some good news from Argentina. It appears that he has agreed a deal, in principle, to bring Marcello Salas, the Chile international playing with River Plate, to Manchester in the new year for a club-record fee of fill Edwards has no worries

transfer fund stands at £12 million, with an extra £6 million in reserve. The club produced its record profit on a turnover of £88 million, sending its value on the stock market beyond £500 million. Smith broke down the club's turnover into four main categories: gate receipts of £12.5 million, merchandis-

players could not be stopped,

Beaumont suggested that fi-

nancial incentives might be

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about financing the deal. His

of £27.5 million, but it had ing at £28.6 million, television the likes of Liverpool. Ferguson endured what he also secured Andy Cole on an income of £12.5 million and Newcastle United and described as "agony" when nsorship totalling [11 million. Even the catering at Old Trafford was worth £5 million. "Our success is all about winning," Smith said. "Everyone remembers a winner and we have built a club that

knows about winning." The financial success has allowed Alex Ferguson, the manager, to gain a position with his squad that will be the envy of his club's rivals. While

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Arsenal all have players proaching the end of their contracts, Ferguson has all of his frontline men tied up throughout their best years. We are happy that Andy

has signed a new deal," he said yesterday. "It is important that we get all our best players secured on long-term contracts and is another step forward."

Cole may soon have, in Salas, yet another rival for his position, however, despite an impressive record of Il goals in his past eight games, including hat-tricks against Feyenoord and Barnsley.

itching Salas at the w end, but he seems to think it was worth it. "It was agony over there in Santiago," said. The media pestered me everywhere, even all through the game. I saw quotes I never said, but his record speaks for itself. I want to try to close the ivo publi

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door on this."

Edwards may soon grant his wish Salas, however, will not be allowed to leave until after presidential elections at the club take place on December 14 If the result is favourable then United will have a new striker for

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## Player strike may hit four matches

BY STMON WILDE

cricketers next month is growing more likely. Their union has sent a written warning to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) that it will order a boycott of four one-day international fixtures next month inless pay demands are met. The dispute is being moni-tored by cricketers' representatives around the world, who have held informal talks about establishing an international

itch, too, the rebuilding of

Tottenham Hotspur

association.

The ACB has stated that it intends to fulfil the fixtures in the World Series Cup, in which two Australia sides, New Zealand and South Africa will compete, using nonunion players - veterans and tyros from the Academy. The Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) needs a two-thirds majority to institute a strike.

Some players are concerned at the ACA's additional demand for greater power. Ever the maverick, Dean Jones, the

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STRIKE action by Australia's former Derbyshire captain who plays for Victoria under Shane Warne, the ACA treasurer, has offered to captain a strike-breaking national side. Jones, 36, last played Test five cricket

> The players last month rejected a 10 per cent rise. James Erskine, an Englishman and former IMG executive, who heads an aggressive ACA team of negotiators, claims there are "income opportuni-ties" in the next five years worth \$129 million through pay-per-view television.

In England, the Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) has held informal discussions. Matthew Fleming. its chairman, said yesterday. We don't know where they might lead, but there must be mutual commercial and organisational benefits. But, at the moment, we the [PCA] are only looking at 'positive'

## **Shortage of quality** bothers Beaumont

BY MARK SOUSTER

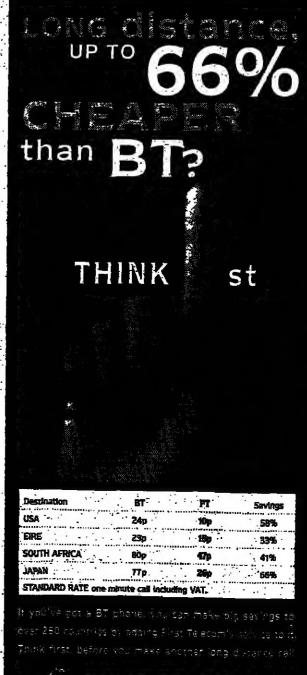
BILL BEAUMONT yesterday Union (RFU) to clubs that field agreed with Clive Woodward England-qualified teams.

We have got to sit down that England would continue to lag behind New Zealand with the clubs and come up until more England-qualified with an amicable and volunplayers are exposed to the demands of Allied Dunbar tary formula. The bottom line is we have got to get more English players playing in the first division," he said. Premiership first division rugby. He also called for reduction in the number of games for senior players.

Beaumont denied rumours that he was contemplating Beaumont, the former Engresigning as chairman of the land captain, now chairman of playing committee. Several the National Playing Commitmembers of the committee are tee at Twickenham, has identisuspicious of moves to co-opt fied "a lack of quality in the Beaumont's ally, Fran Cotton, as a member. They feel this could stifle debate given Cotfirst division as the major: problem in our game". In the aftermath of Emerging En-gland's humbling by the All Blacks' second team on Tueston's all-powerful role as vicechairman (playing) on the RFU's management board. Beaumont believes, as does day, Woodward, the England coach, said there was a dearth Cotton, that the days of the of playing talent. While accepting that the committee system could be numbered. You cannot run a influx of European Union

professional game by committee." he said. Hart's hopes, page 44

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